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SUBJECT: Charles W. Thayer



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**REQ FOR REPORT-ON**

THIS FORM IS TO BE USED FOR INCUMBENT EMPLOYEES  
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To The Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
The following information is furnished for identification purposes on the p  
tory loyalty information contained in your files. (The fingerprints of th

1 FULL NAME (Surname) (Given name)  
O. J. YER, Charles

2 ALIASES AND NICKNAMES  
O. J. Y.

4 SPECIAL NUMBERS KNOWN TO REQUESTING AGENCY (FBI number or FBI file number  
Identification, alien registration number, Social Security number, etc. Specify which)

1. Dipl. Passport 3888; ASN 0557769

5 PLACE OF BIRTH

Willis Cove, Penna.

6 DATE OF BIRTH

Feb. 9, 1911

8 SEX

☒ MALE  
☐ FEMALE

9 MARITAL STATUS

☐ SINGLE  
☒ MARRIED

10 IF MARRIED, GIVE

Maria (Petri)

11 ORGANIZATIONS WITH WHICH AFFILIATED OTHER THAN RELIGIOUS OR POLITIC  
AFFILIATIONS

None

12 DATES AND PLACES OF RESIDENCE FOR THE LAST 20 YEARS

Date	Street	State
1939-1940	U. S. Consulate General	
1940-1942	U. S. Embassy, Moscow	
1942-1943	U. S. Legation, Kabul	
1943-1944	U. S. Embassy, London	
1944-1945	Military Service, (var)	
1945-1946	U. S. Political Advisor	
1946	U. S. Nat'l War College	
1947-present	Int'l Broadcasting Div	

13 DATES, NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF EMPLOYERS FOR THE LAST 20 YEARS

Date	Employer
1939-1949	U. S. Government, Dept
1944-1946	U. S. Army

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OCCUPATION OR PRO-  
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W. T. Meyer

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Dates, Names and Addresses of Employers for the Last 10 Years:  
1939-1949 U. S. Government, State Department, Washington, D. C.  
1944-1946 U. S. Army

The investigation in this case should be handled in the same manner as other loyalty investigations. However, the loyalty investigation should be coordinated with the security investigation of Thayer recently completed.

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Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

Date:

April 29, 1949

Files of this Bureau reveal unverified information concerning this employee, bringing the employee within the purview of Executive Order No. 9835. Investigation being conducted. If this employee is assigned to a sensitive position, a resume of present information in the files of the FBI will be furnished on request.

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FBI, Washington, D. C.

(Name of Reporting Agency)

## INSTRUCTIONS ON PREPARATION OF STANDARD FORM 84

- 1 This form (Standard Form 84) is promulgated by the United States Civil Service Commission at the request of the Federal Bureau of Investigation for the purpose of carrying out the responsibilities with respect to incumbent employees under Part VI of Executive Order 9835.
- 2 A separate form (Standard Form 85) will be used for applicants or persons appointed after September 30, 1947, as provided in Part I of Executive Order 9835, except for excepted employees where investigation is conducted by the agency.
- 3 The employee's fingerprint chart, Standard Form 86, must be submitted to the Federal Bureau of Investigation with the original and two copies of this form. The third carbon copy of the form should be retained by the agency.
- 4 If additional space is needed in filling in items 12 and 13, use a separate sheet of paper, number the item to correspond with the item number on this form, indicate the name of the employee, and attach.
- 5 If the requesting agency has previously received loyalty information from any Government agency (including the Federal Bureau of Investigation) concerning the employee named in this form, the name of the agency which furnished the information and the date of the report should be shown in item 14.
- 6 Item 15 is reserved for the use of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in filing on this request when no derogatory information is developed.
- 7 Whenever derogatory information is developed the report will be covered in item 17, above.
- 8 For further details regarding the use of this form see the Federal Personnel Manual.

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SAC, Washington Field

Director, FBI

CHARLES WHEELER THAYER  
 Foreign Service Officer  
 United States Department of State  
 Washington, D. C.  
 LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYERS

AUG 29, 1949

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 Date - 3/24/49.  
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Reference is made to the recent discreet security investigation conducted on the captioned employee by the New York and Washington Field Offices.

Because of Thayer's close association with [redacted] his support of the Communist elements in [redacted] while stationed in Bari, Italy and due to his alleged pro-Tito sympathies, you should immediately initiate a full field loyalty investigation, the results of which must reach the Bureau on or before May 27, 1949.

This case should be assigned to agents experienced in handling security and loyalty investigations. Preferably, this case should be handled by the agents who conducted the recent Security Matter-C investigation. You are authorized to interview neighbors, associates, etc. as is normally done in loyalty investigations, however, such interviews must be discreet in order to avoid any criticism of the Bureau by Thayer. Past experience has indicated Thayer's feelings concerning the administration and operation of the Bureau.

The State Department and the Department of the Army are being requested to conduct the necessary foreign investigation.

For the information of both offices, the following information appears on Thayer's Loyalty Form which is dated March 8, 1949:

Date and Place of Birth - February 9, 1910 at Villa Nova, Pennsylvania.

Identifying Numbers - Diplomatic Passport 3888; A-5 0557767.

Married to Maria (Petrucchi) Thayer, Ca 1920, Italy

Dates and Places of Residence for the Last 10 Years:

1939-1940 U. S. Consulate General, Hamburg, Germany

1940-1942 U. S. Embassy, Moscow, S. S. R.

1942-1943 U. S. Legation, Kabul, Afghanistan

1943-1944 U. S. Embassy, London, England

1944-1945 Military Service, (various) Yugoslavia

1945-1946 U. S. Political Advisor, Seoul, Korea.

1946-1947 U. S. Political Advisor, War College, Washington, D. C.

1947-present International Broadcasting Division, 224 W. 57th Street, New York, New York.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. D. M. [unclear]  
 FROM : Mr. H. B. Fletcher *HBF*  
 SUBJECT: CHARLES WHEELER THAYER  
 Foreign Service Officer  
 State Department  
 New York City, New York  
 LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

DATE: April 2, 1949

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
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 HUMAN RESOURCES DIVISION  
 DATE 5/1/51 BY 300326w/jer/dy

PURPOSE:

To set forth the action being taken by the loyalty section regarding the loyalty form which has been received for THAYER from the State Department. THAYER is head of the International Broadcasting Division, Voice of American Program, State Department, New York City, New York. (121-17249-1)

BACKGROUND:

Reference is made to a memorandum from Mr. Keay to Mr. Ladd dated February 9, 1949, entitled "CHARLES W. THAYER - Voice of America." This memorandum set forth that THAYER had never been investigated under the Voice of America Program because the State Department considered him exempt. Further that a loyalty form had never been submitted by the State Department for THAYER but that one would be submitted in the near future. The Director noted on this memorandum, "As regards THAYER proceed with a Security investigation. We have enough without loyalty form receipt to warrant a thorough investigation of him. H." (100-360035-4)

By letter dated February 10, 1949 the field was requested to conduct a thorough investigation of THAYER under the character "Security Matter - C." The Internal Security section has advised that this investigation will be completed on April 19, 1949.

STATUS:

No action is being recommended by the Loyalty Section regarding THAYER at the present time.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended this memorandum be forwarded to the Internal Security section and that no action be taken regarding THAYER by the loyalty section until the Security Matter - C investigation is completed. Upon completion of this Security Matter case, if any disloyal information pertinent to Executive Order 9835 is developed, this matter should be brought to the attention of the loyalty section for appropriate action.

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Mr. L. A. Tamm  
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Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Rosen  
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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : S. J. TRACY  
FROM : D. M. LADD  
SUBJECT : CHARLES WHEELER THAYER  
Foreign Service Officer  
United States Department  
Washington, D. C.  
LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

DATE: Apr. 29, 1949

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Please search the name of the above individual through the records of the Identification Division and forward the results, in duplicate, to the Foreign and Domestic Coordination Unit, Room [ ] Department of State Building, Washington, D. C. b2

The following identifying data are listed for your assistance:

Maiden name, if married:

Date and place of birth: February 9, 1910 at Villa Nova, Pennsylvania

Department and Agency for whom employed: Department of State

Previous Government employment:

Was case opened on Form 84 or Form 85: Form 84

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If so, date form received: 3/24/49

Other pertinent identifying data: (Including Military service numbers and Alien Registration numbers)

Diplomatic Passport 3888; ASN 057769

Married to - Maria (Petrucci) Thayer, CA 1920, Italy

Present Address

New York, New York.

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ADDENDUM: 6-6-49 (1) Based upon information furnished to the files of this Division failed to disclose any record of the above.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: April 27, 1949

FROM : MR. LADD

SUBJECT: CHARLES WHEELER THAYER  
SECURITY MATTER - C

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Reference is made to Mr. Key's memorandum to Mr. Ladd dated February 9, 1949, advising that Thayer, as head of the International Broadcasting Division (Voice of America) of the State Department, was allegedly exempt from investigation under the VOA program as a foreign service officer in the State Department. You made the notation that a security investigation should be made of Thayer.

PURPOSE

DECLASSIFIED BY SP-6 BJA/Hcy  
DECLASS. AUTHORITY: E.O. 13526

The purpose of this memorandum is to advise you of the results of the security investigation conducted of Thayer.

BACKGROUND

A thorough but discreet investigation was conducted of Thayer to determine his background, activities and character. All interviews were conducted in a most circumspect manner in view of the fact that the investigation was conducted and his position and connections within the State Department in order to protect the Bureau's interest in the matter. The bulk of the information obtained by the Washington Field Office was obtained from

[redacted] who furnished this information on a most confidential basis.

The investigation has established the following:

(1) Thayer served with the Office of the recent war. While stationed at Bari, Italy, he supported the Communist and Communist sympathies was pro-Tito and allegedly was influential in "Legend" and turning the support of the United States to Tito. While in the OSS in Europe he reported and individuals sympathetic to the Communist

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cc: Mr. Ladd  
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(3) Thayer is a patient of [REDACTED] of New York. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Thayer's  
connection with [REDACTED] appeared to have been primarily that of doctor  
and patient.

(4) Thayer is the father of an illegitimate child born to  
[REDACTED] an employee of VOA. In this connection [REDACTED] made the  
arrangements to have the child delivered by Dr. [REDACTED]

(5) Thayer is undoubtedly a homosexual. He has been a very close  
associate of the following individuals who have been connected with the  
State Department and who have either admitted their homosexual tendencies  
or have been accused by one another as possessing such tendencies.  
These individuals are as follows:

[REDACTED]

This information has been obtained from [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] State.  
obtained [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] has further made information available which  
from an undercover operator of his, used in the investigation  
homosexuals in the State Department, which undercover  
alleged that Thayer has been found by him in a position  
man indicating that Thayer had been engaging in such a

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undercover operator has further stated that Thayer has made personal advances to him of a nature indicating such proclivities.

[redacted] identity must be protected by all means, in view of the fact that his making the information available places his position with the State Department in jeopardy and would ruin an excellent source of information for the Washington Field Office.

(6) In connection with the above matter, [redacted] has advised that the Division of Security and Investigations was actively investigating Thayer because of his homosexual proclivities. Knowledge of the investigation by some unknown means came to Thayer. Thayer thereupon went to Charles "Chip" Bohlen, counsel of the State Department, Thayer's brother-in-law, who in turn then allegedly went to Under Secretary of State Robert Lovett complaining of the investigation which was being made of Thayer whereupon Robert Lovett allegedly gave instructions to John Ruskfey to cease the investigation of Thayer.

No official record of Thayer's investigation appears in the records of the State Department. However, [redacted] made available an unofficial copy of the results of the investigation conducted [redacted] [redacted] has been very cooperative with the Bureau in this matter.

(7) Your attention has previously been brought to the newspaper article appearing in the "Washington Daily News" dated April 22, 1949, which article reflects that Thayer (erroneously set forth as Charles O. Thayer) was to be replaced in August or September as head of the VOA. In addition, the New York Office has just advised that Thayer has announced his transfer as head of the Voice of America to a post in the U. S. Embassy in Greece. You will recall that Thayer is a Presidential appointee foreign service officer and as such is exempt from investigation under the Voice of America program. The reason given for his transfer is the expiration of the four-year duty in the continental United States, the law requiring such foreign service officers to move to a foreign post after this period of domestic duty.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

(1) The security investigation has been completed in so far as it is commensurate with a discreet investigation protecting the Bureau's interest in the matter. A great deal of derogatory information concerning

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Thayer's character has been developed, however, it is recommended that neither the report of the Washington Field nor the information appearing therein be disseminated for the reasons, (a) the dissemination would jeopardize the Bureau's valuable contact in [redacted]

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(b) the Administrative Division of the State Department already possesses the information and such information has been suppressed.

(2) A Loyalty Form on Thayer has been received by the Bureau. It is recommended that a loyalty investigation be opened on the basis of the information concerning Thayer's activities while with OSS in Bari, Italy. A loyalty investigation would permit a more open type of investigation under which investigation numerous leads would suggest themselves which could not be covered in a more discreet security investigation.

(3) In view of the wealth of derogatory information which was obtained by the Washington Field Office in a most discreet and circum-spect manner without apparently revealing the Bureau's interest in Thayer, it is recommended that the Administrative Division consider a letter of commendation to the Washington Field Office and the Agent responsible for the investigation.

Director's Notation:  
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BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

Date: April 29, 1949

To: Mr. Samuel D. Boykin  
Director  
Office of Controls  
Department of State  
Washington, D. C.

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From J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: CHARLES WHEELER THAYER  
Foreign Service Officer  
United States Department of State  
Washington, D. C.  
LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

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The Loyalty Form pertaining to the captioned individual has been received. X

[redacted] Thayer associated with and supported Communists and Communist sympathizers. He was also reported to have been pro-Tito and was allegedly influential in turning the support of the United States from Mihailovich to Tito in Yugoslavia. While in Europe, he was also reported to have been associated with Russians and other individuals sympathetic to the Communist cause. (100-360035)

The employee's Loyalty Form reflects the following foreign service:

1939-1940	U. S. Consulate General, Hamburg, Germany
1940-1942	U. S. Embassy, Moscow, U. S. S. R.
1942-1943	U. S. Legation, Kabul, Afghanistan
1943-1944	U. S. Embassy, London, England
1944-1945	Military Service, (various), Yugoslavia
1945-1946	U. S. Political Advisor, Seoul, Korea

In accordance with established procedures under the Loyalty Program, it will be appreciated if you will cause the necessary investigation to be conducted in the mentioned places with the exception of Hamburg, Germany and Seoul, Korea. It is realized that your investigation at Moscow, Russia and in Korea will be limited. The Department of the Army is being requested to conduct the investigation in Korea and Germany.

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In the event persons interviewed are in a position to furnish information reflecting adversely upon an employee's loyalty to the United States, efforts should be made to obtain signed statements from these persons.

Please furnish six copies of the report reflecting the results of your investigation to this Bureau at your earliest opportunity.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: April 26, 1949

Director, FBI

SAC, New York

CHARLES W. THAYER

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INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING DIVISION,  
U. S. STATE DEPARTMENT  
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Denver, Colorado  
May 23, 1949



IN REPLY PLEASE REFER TO  
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AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

SAC, Washington Field

Re: CHARLES WHEELER THAYER  
Chief, International Broadcasting Division  
U. S. Department of State  
New York, New York  
LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

Dear Sir:

*7/10/85 SPL/bga/tcy*  
Re Washington Field Office teletype dated May 18, 1949  
requesting that [redacted] be inter-  
viewed regarding THAYER.

In view of the fact that [redacted]

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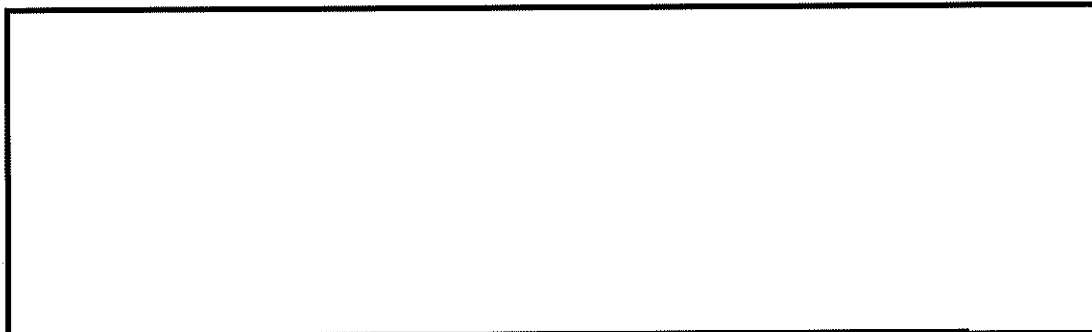
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RE: CHARLES WHEELER THAYER  
Department of State

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LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

Dear Sir:

The dead line for the above-captioned loyalty investigation has passed and the Bureau has not received an investigative report in this matter from your office. You are instructed to immediately submit a report.

In the event a report has been submitted, you should make a notation of the date on which it was submitted on this letter and return it to the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

*J. E. Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

cc - New York  
Cleveland  
Knoxville  
Los Angeles

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Report submitted \_\_\_\_\_

Report will be submitted 6/3/49

Reason for delay: Necessary info not available

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United States Department of Justice  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington 25, D. C.

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AIR MAIL

May 31, 1949

SAC, Washington Field

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RE: CHARLES WHEELER THAYER  
Department of State

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LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

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Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

cc - New York  
Cleveland  
Nashville  
Los Angeles

Report submitted on 5/26/49  
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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington 25, D. C.

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AIR MAIL

May 31, 1949

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RE: CHARLES WHEELER THAYER  
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Cleveland  
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John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

Date: April 29, 1949

To: Director of Intelligence  
General Staff  
Department of the Army  
The Pentagon  
Washington 25, D. C.

Attention: Chief,  
Security and Training Group

From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: CHARLES WHEELER THAYER  
Foreign Service Officer  
United States Department of State  
Washington, D. C.  
LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

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A full field loyalty investigation is being conducted on the captioned employee of the Department of State based upon available information indicating that Thayer was pro-Tito and that he was influential in turning the support of the United States from Shallovich to Tito in Yugoslavia. Thayer was also reported to have associated with Russians and individuals sympathetic to the Communist cause.

From 1939 to 1940 Thayer was General's Office, Hamburg, Germany and U. S. Political Advisor at Seoul, Korea. In accordance with the Loyalty Program, procedures under the Loyalty Program, cause the necessary investigation to be conducted. Other investigation outside the United States is being requested of the employing agency.

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Efforts should be made to who may be in a position to furnish the employee's loyalty to the United States of the results of your investigation

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BY SPECIAL MESSENGER  
MAY 2 - 1949  
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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Identifying Numbers - Diplomatic Passport 3888; ASN 0557769

Married to - Maria (Petrucci) Meyer, Ca 1920, Italy

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1939-1940 U. S. Consulate General, Hamburg, Germany  
1940-1942 U. S. Embassy, Moscow, U. S. S. R.  
1942-1943 U. S. Legation, Kabul, Afghanistan  
1943-1944 U. S. Embassy, London, England  
1944-1945 Military Service, (various) Yugoslavia  
1945-1946 U. S. Political Advisor, Seoul, Korea  
1946 U. S. National War College, Washington, D. C.  
1947-present International Broadcasting Division, 224 W. 57th  
Street, New York, New York.

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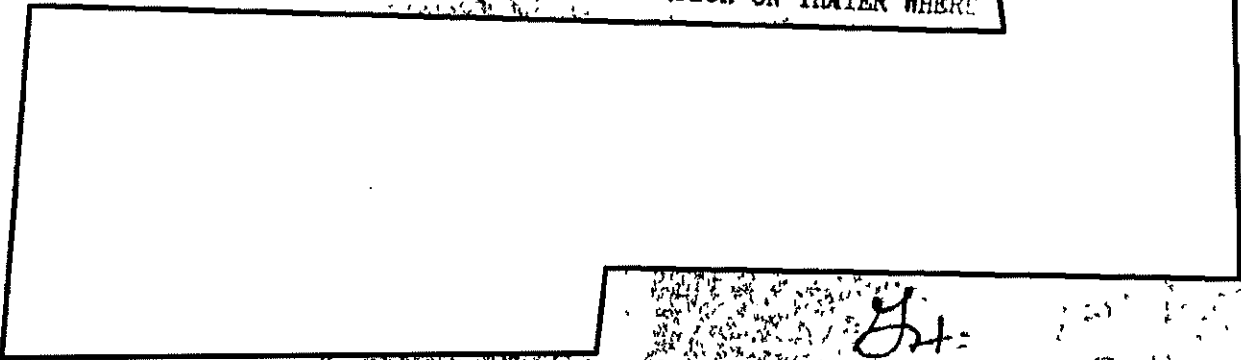
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. W. W. Fletcher *WBF*  
 FROM : Mr. W. W. Hall *RWH*  
 SUBJECT : Mr. W. W. Thayer  
 Chief, International Broadcasting Division  
 U. S. Department of State  
 New York, New York  
 LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

DATE June 21, 1949

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ON 4/20/89

per State letter dtd 11/10/89

To obtain authority to transmit to the Civil Service Commission reports prepared in instant case containing information of a derogatory nature relating to the morals of Thayer.

BACKGROUND:

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As you are aware, a full field Loyalty investigation was initiated concerning Thayer, the basis being his pro-Tito attitude while assigned by OSS to Belgrade, Yugoslavia, and his alleged support of the Communist elements in the Office of Strategic Services while stationed in Bari, Italy. During the investigation conducted in the case entitled "Charles Wheeler Thayer, Security Matter - C," it was developed that Thayer was a homosexual and associated with persons known to be homosexuals. It was also learned from a confidential report of the State Department that Thayer was the father of an illegitimate child born to [redacted] an employee of the Voice of America Department of State, New York City, the child being delivered by [redacted] New York City.

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At the beginning of the Loyalty investigation the field was instructed to be very discreet in conducting instant investigation and not to make any inquiries concerning Thayer's morals, but should such information be volunteered, same should be reported. The reports prepared under the Loyalty classification submitted by the field do contain volunteered information relating to Thayer's homosexuality which ordinarily would not be left in reports prepared for transmittal to the Civil Service Commission, however, it is believed that in this case it has a definite bearing on Thayer as it indicates that he is a poor security risk.

STATUS:

The reports prepared by the field are being assembled for transmission to the Civil Service Commission.

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ASSIGNMENT:

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If you approve, the reports containing references to Thayer's homosexuality will be transmitted to the Civil Service Commission, and the information reflecting on his morals will be shown in the reports as having been volunteered by those persons furnishing same.

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CHARLES WHEELER THAYER

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This is a summary of information concerning Charles Wheeler Thayer. This information is confidential and should not be disseminated outside of the agency to which loaned. No recommendation is made as to clearance or disapproval.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : *GH* GUY HOTTEL, SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

SUBJECT: CHARLES WHEELER THAYER  
STATE DEPARTMENT  
LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

DATE July 11, 1949

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Re Bureau letter dated June 13, 1949.

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Per CIA

[redacted] Security Office, Central Intelligence Agency, made available the employee's Office of Strategic Services file for examination. In addition to the information previously furnished to the Federal Bureau of Investigation during this LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES investigation, this file contained considerable administrative matter concerning THAYER. According to [redacted] this information had not previously been furnished, inasmuch as the material is considered operational. He also suggested that should the information be used in a LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES case, it should not be quoted. *(u)*

Of interest to this LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES case, THAYER's Office of Strategic Services file contains a copy of a message sent by General LEMNITZER to General DONOVAN, Office of Strategic Services, dated March 2, 1945, from Caserta, Italy. This message in effect explained that Field Marshal ALEXANDER and LEMNITZER had just returned from a visit to Marshal TITO's headquarters in Belgrade. LEMNITZER explained that he had Lieutenant Colonel THAYER of the Office of Strategic Services accompany him at all conferences and on all visits. LEMNITZER said that he was "much impressed with the efficiency with which THAYER and his mission worked and that particularly with the excellent relations existing between his mission and those of other nations represented in Belgrade. Marshal TITO obviously holds THAYER in very high regard and is always accessible to him. This is a rare privilege enjoyed by very few persons in Belgrade. There is every evidence that the Marshal has utmost confidence in THAYER and his opinions." *(u)*

THAYER's Office of Strategic Services file contains a copy of a message dated June 16, 1944, to Ustravio, London, from the Office of Strategic Services Headquarters which states "Before taking further action on subject of your No. 52974, please check and advise whether his record in your theater supports rumor received here that he is excessive drinker." This message or his file contains no information as to the source of the allegation that THAYER is an "excessive drinker" *(u)*

A supplemental report is not being prepared in this case, inasmuch as General LEMNITZER who prepared the above message regarding THAYER's contact with TITO has previously been interviewed, and the information he furnished has been reported. Also the information regarding his alleged excessive drinking is not being set out in report form, as this source is not known. *(u)*

Inasmuch as the requested supplementary investigation requested by the Bureau is completed, this case is being RUC'd.

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Date: July 18, 1949

CONFIDENTIAL  
BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

To: Mr. James E. Hatcher  
Chief, Investigations Division  
United States Civil Service Commission  
Washington, D. C.

From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: CHARLES WHEELER TRAYER  
Chief  
International Broadcasting Division  
Department of State  
New York, New York  
LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

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Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated May 27, 1949, at Washington, D. C., copies of which were transmitted to your Service by my letter dated June 21, 1949. It will be noted that in that report on pages two and three information is set forth as coming from Washington confidential informant [redacted] who is described as being outside the continental limits of the United States on official business for the United States Government. This individual's identity was not disclosed since it was not known at that time whether he cared to make known his identity.

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The State Department was requested to interview Washington [redacted] who is at the present time in Athens, Greece, and by letter dated June 14, 1949 from the American Embassy in Athens, Greece the State Department furnished the results of this interview. Four copies of this letter are transmitted herewith. It will be noted that Washington [redacted] is John Kasanich who apparently does not desire anonymity since he did not indicate to the interviewing official that he wished his identity to remain unknown.

There are also being transmitted herewith four copies of a statement submitted by Mr. Robert G. Miner, Second Secretary of the American Embassy at Athens, Greece. There is still to be conducted further investigation in Afghanistan, Yugoslavia and Germany, the results of which will be transmitted upon receipt.

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Date: June 28, 1949

To: Mr. James E. Hatcher  
Chief, Investigations Division  
United States Civil Service Commission  
Washington, D. C.

CONFIDENTIAL  
BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: CHARLES WHEELER THAYER  
Chief, International Broadcasting Division  
U. S. Department of State  
New York, New York  
LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

Reference is made to my letter dated June 21, 1949, captioned as above, transmitting copies of the investigative reports prepared by this Bureau under the provisions of Executive Order 9835.

Subsequent to the transmittal of these reports, information was received from the New York Office of this Bureau reflecting an interview with New York City Confidential Informant [redacted] a former supervisor of the employee in the State Department, who was not available for interview at the time the loyalty investigation was conducted. New York City [redacted] advised that he has no question in his mind concerning the employee's loyalty but from the impressions employee has made on him he believes Thayer is immature and irresponsible and that he, Thayer, is motivated in his actions by a tremendous desire for personal gain and prestige. [redacted] stated that on one occasion the employee had been told not to employ an individual by the name of [redacted] because the Security Office of the State Department had requested that he not be employed. [redacted] stated he did not know the reason why [redacted] should not be employed nor did the employee, however, Thayer employed [redacted] on a free lance basis. [redacted] stated that he felt this specific action on the employee's part showed a lack of maturity and that the employee's decision to employ [redacted] was not for the best interest of the program. [redacted] went on to state that he did not believe the employee had any intention of injuring the security of the country but that he, Thayer, believed that the hiring of [redacted] was for the best interest of the Voice of America Program. His informant in closing stated that even though the employee's desire for personal prestige was a factor in his decision to employ [redacted] he believed that this desire would be outweighed if the issue arose as to choosing between the security of the United States and Thayer's own gain. The informant's only

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New York City T-9 is John R. Buchanan, former supervisor of employee at International Broadcasting Div. of State Dept., presently employed Buchanan & Co., 1501 Broadway, NYC.

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Per State  
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fear in this regard was that the employee might not, because of his lack of maturity, recognize the issue and consequently would unintentionally harm the United States. The informant concluded by stating that he himself would not hire the employee because of the above. The informant does not wish to appear before a Loyalty Hearing Board and will not give a signed statement.

The above information is being transmitted for your confidential information and should not be disseminated to any unauthorized outside individuals or agencies.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO Dir/Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Attn: Mr. W. S. Reynolds

FROM Security and Training Group

SUBJECT THAYER, Charles Wheeler  
LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

DATE 24 June 1949  
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1. Reference is made to letter from Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, dated 29 April 1949 regarding THAYER, Charles Wheeler.
2. Records in Headquarters, United States Army Forces in Korea indicate THAYER, Charles Wheeler was transferred to the Zone of Interior for separation. His 201 file was forwarded 27 August 1946 to Commanding General, Gravelly Point, Va. His job title was "Special Appointee, XXIV Corps," CAF-13.
3. For your information no investigative agency exists in Korea at this time as the CIC Detachment there has been deactivated 20 May 1949. Future requests will be processed by the Military Attache in Korea.
4. Results of investigation in Europe will be forwarded upon receipt in this Division.

*Chutney Baker*  
*for Capt. RSC*  
JAMES D. LAND, Lt Colonel, GSC  
Chief, Investigations Section  
Operations Branch

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July 1, 1949

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BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

Mr. James E. Hatcher  
Chief, Investigations Division  
U. S. Civil Service Commission  
Washington, D. C.

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ON 2/21/89  
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From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: CHARLES WHITELER THAYER  
Chief  
International Broadcasting Division  
U. S. Department of State  
New York, New York  
LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

Reference is made to my letter dated June 21, 1949, captioned as above, transmitting copies of the investigative reports prepared by this Bureau reflecting the results of the investigation conducted under the provisions of Executive Order 9835. At that time, you were advised that the State Department and the Department of the Army had been requested to conduct an investigation outside the continental limits of the United States. At this time, I am transmitting herewith four copies of the following reports and letters:

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Letter dated June 7, 1949, from the American Embassy  
at Moscow, Russia.

Four copies of a report dated June 8, 1949, from the  
American Embassy at Mexico City, Mexico.

Four copies of a letter dated June 10, 1949, from the  
American Embassy, Mexico, City

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM SAC, New York

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10, 1949

SUBJECT. CHARLES WHEELER THAYER  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT  
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b7C if [redacted] During the course of the above investigation an attempt was made to contact [redacted]

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However, [redacted] was away from New York City at an unknown location. New York City. Upon his return to New York City, he telephoned this office and requested that he be permitted to furnish what information he had concerning THAYER.

During this interview, [redacted] stated he was [redacted] the New York Office, International Broadcasting Division, from November, 1942 to November, 1947. He advised he knew employee from the time THAYER became a consultant on the Russian desk until he, [redacted] resigned from the State Department.

[redacted] stated he has no question in his mind concerning employee's loyalty but from the impressions employee has made on him he has formed the impression that employee is immature and irresponsible and that he is motivated on his actions by a tremendous desire for personal gain and prestige.

[redacted] advised that on one occasion employee had been told by him not to employ an individual named [redacted] (who has already been mentioned in this case) because the Security Office had requested that he not be employed. [redacted] stated he did not know the reason why [redacted] should not be employed nor did the employee [redacted]

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other than employee intended to have supply information which if used on the broadcasts would "needle" the Russians whereas the policy of the State Department at the time was one of appeasement. Contrary to Mr. [redacted] instructions, THAYER employed [redacted] on a free lance basis without knowledge though it later came to his attention.

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[redacted] stated that he felt [redacted] specific action on employee's part showed his lack of maturity, and desire to get ahead. He said he felt that employee decided that for the best interests of the program the material supplied by [redacted] would accomplish greater benefit for the program and consequently employed [redacted] contrary to instructions.

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[redacted] stated he believed employee had no intention of injuring the security of the country in his action but merely had decided that the hiring of [redacted] was for the best interests of the program.

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[redacted] advised that even though employee's desire for personal prestige and gain was one of the prime factors motivating him, he believed that this desire would be subjugated if the issue arose as to choosing between the security of the United States and his own gain. His only fear in this regard was that employee might not, because of his lack of maturity, recognize the issue and consequently would unintentionally harm the United States. He said he himself would not hire employee because of this lack of maturity and irresponsibility on employee's part.

[redacted] desires to be kept confidential, does not desire to appear before a Loyalty Hearing Board or give a signed statement.

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The foregoing is submitted in letter form rather than in amended pages because [redacted] insisted on furnishing this information which is not thought to be entirely pertinent to this investigation.

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WASHINGTON FROM WASH FIELD

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DIRECTOR

ROUTINE

CARLES WHEELER THAYER, STATE, IGE. REURJET JUNE THIRTY LAST. EMPLOYERS  
OSS SECURITY FILE REVIEWED TODAY DISCLOSING NO DISLOYAL INFORMATION. FURTHER  
EFFORTS TO LOCATE OSS ADMINISTRATIVE FILES ON EMPLOYEE BEING MADE AND ANY  
PERTINENT INFO WILL BE FURNISHED BUREAU.

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DIRECTOR, FBI

CHARLES WHEELER THAYER  
STATE DEPARTMENT  
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June 13, 1949

SPECIAL MESSAGE

Re: Rep SA [redacted] dated May 27, 1949. Arrangements have been made to obtain information from Thayer's file, which was previously denied by U.S.C. since it was classified "Secret."

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You are instructed to contact [redacted] Security Office, CIA, 2210 E Street, Northwest, Washington, D. C., who will make available Thayer's file for examination. Submit supplemental report if information contained in file is pertinent.

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To: Mr. James E. Hatcher,  
Chief, Investigations Division  
U. S. Civil Service Commission  
Washington 25, D. C.

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From: J. Edgar Hoover, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: CHARLES WHEELER THAYER  
Chief  
International Broadcasting Division  
United States Department of State  
New York, New York  
LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

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There are transmitted herewith four copies of the following reports covering an investigation conducted by this Bureau concerning the captioned individual under the provisions of Executive Order 9835:

- Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated May 27, 1949 at Washington, D. C.
- Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated June 8, 1949 at New York, New York.
- Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated May 26, 1949 at Los Angeles, California.
- Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated May 26, 1949 at Norfolk, Virginia.
- Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated May 26, 1949 at Knoxville, Tennessee.
- Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated May 26, 1949 at Cleveland, Ohio.

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The Department of the Army have been requested to conduct an investigation abroad concerning the employee, the results of which will be furnished upon receipt.

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Please advise this Bureau of the ultimate disposition which is made of this matter.

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ALEXANDER M. CAMPBELL  
ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL, CRIMINAL  
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LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES -  
COMMUNISTS WORKING FOR THE  
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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Reference is made to the conversation on June 3, 1948, between the Attorney General and Assistant Director D. M. Ladd, during which the Attorney General indicated his desire to be informed of all cases where there is evidence as to membership in the Communist Party on the part of a Government employee. For your information, and in order that consideration might be given as to whether any Federal laws have been violated, there are attached photostatic copies of the reports reflecting the results of a loyalty investigation conducted by this Bureau:

TITLE: CHARLES WHEELER THAYER  
Chief  
International Broadcasting Division  
United States Department of State  
New York, New York  
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TITLE <b>CHARLES WHEELER THAYER, Chief, International Broadcasting Division, Department of State, New York, New York</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES</b>

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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Investigation at place of employment and residences reveals no disloyal information concerning employee. Individuals who knew employee during war service, believe him loyal. One of these individuals has opinion employee was not the type of individuals to be representing U.S. in Belgrade. Stated *[OSS]* with THAYER at *[U]* its head publicly showered too much attention and seeming admiration upon TITO, which probably gave wrong impression to representatives of other nations. Believes if choice necessary between employees desire for power plus his apparent admiration for TITO and welfare of America in contrast to welfare of Russia, employee would choose welfare of America. Does not know purpose of employee's mission to TITO. Was unable to state as others have, that employee's specific duty was to obtain intelligence information. New York City  informants do not know employee. No arrest record located for employee at NYCPD.

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REFERENCE:

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Bureau letter dated April 29, 1949  
Report of Special Agent   
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CHARLES WHEELER THOMAS  
Chief, International Broadcasting Division  
Department of State  
New York, New York  
LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES  
June 8, 1949  
New York, New York

RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION

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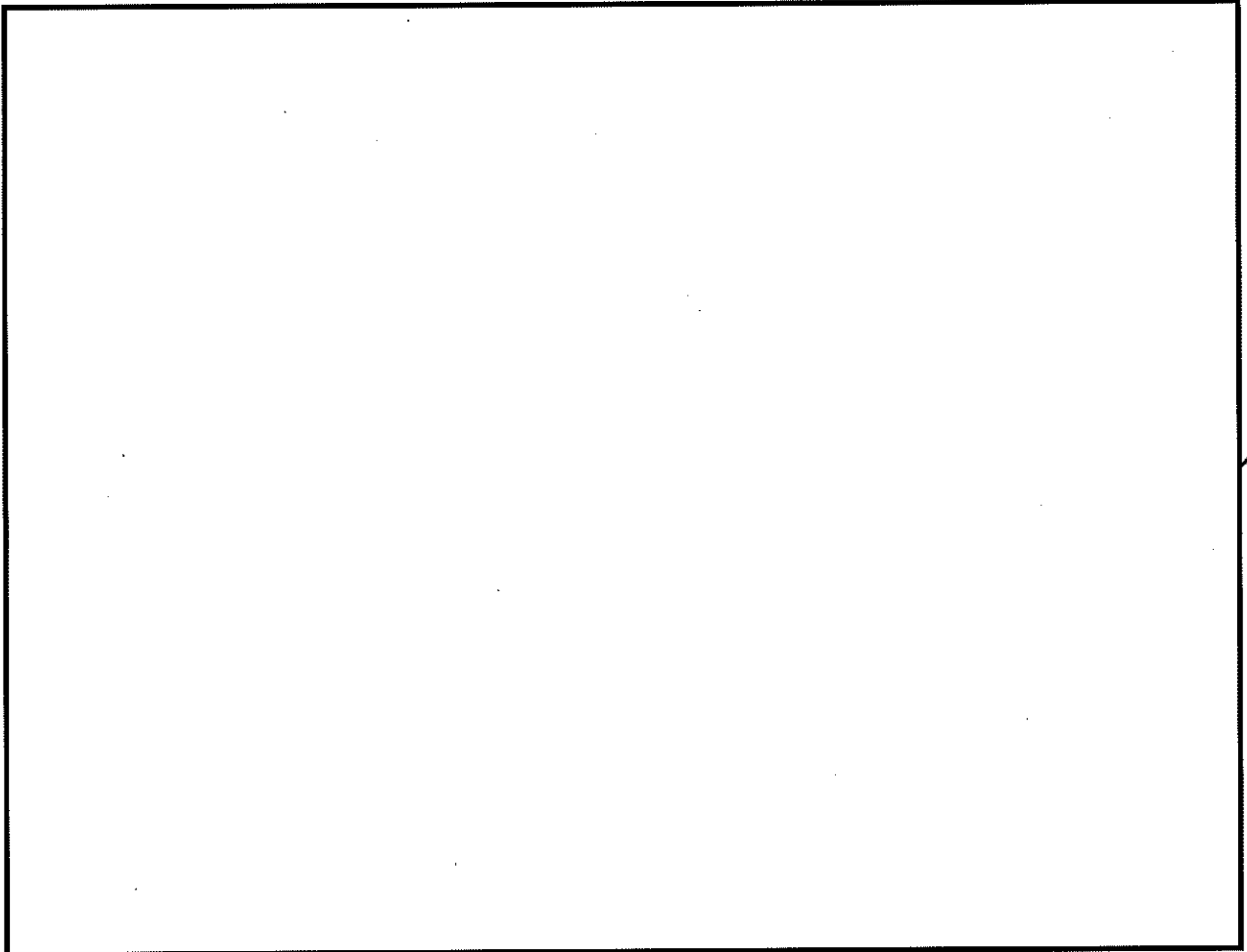
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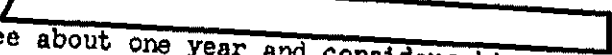
[Redacted]

[Redacted] New York City, advised that he knew the employee for about one year when Mr. THAYER lived at that address [Redacted]


[Redacted] stated that he believes the employee is a loyal American citizen. He added that other than [Redacted]

[Redacted] would know Mr. THAYER.


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 also advised that he knew the employee about one year and considers him to be a loyal American citizen.

  
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 New York City, advised that she has been at that address for only seven months and does not know the employee.

 stated that she does not know the employee although she has resided in that neighborhood for several years.

 stated that the employee never resided at that address but that he has known Mr. THAYER for many years. He stated that the employee is without doubt a loyal American citizen.

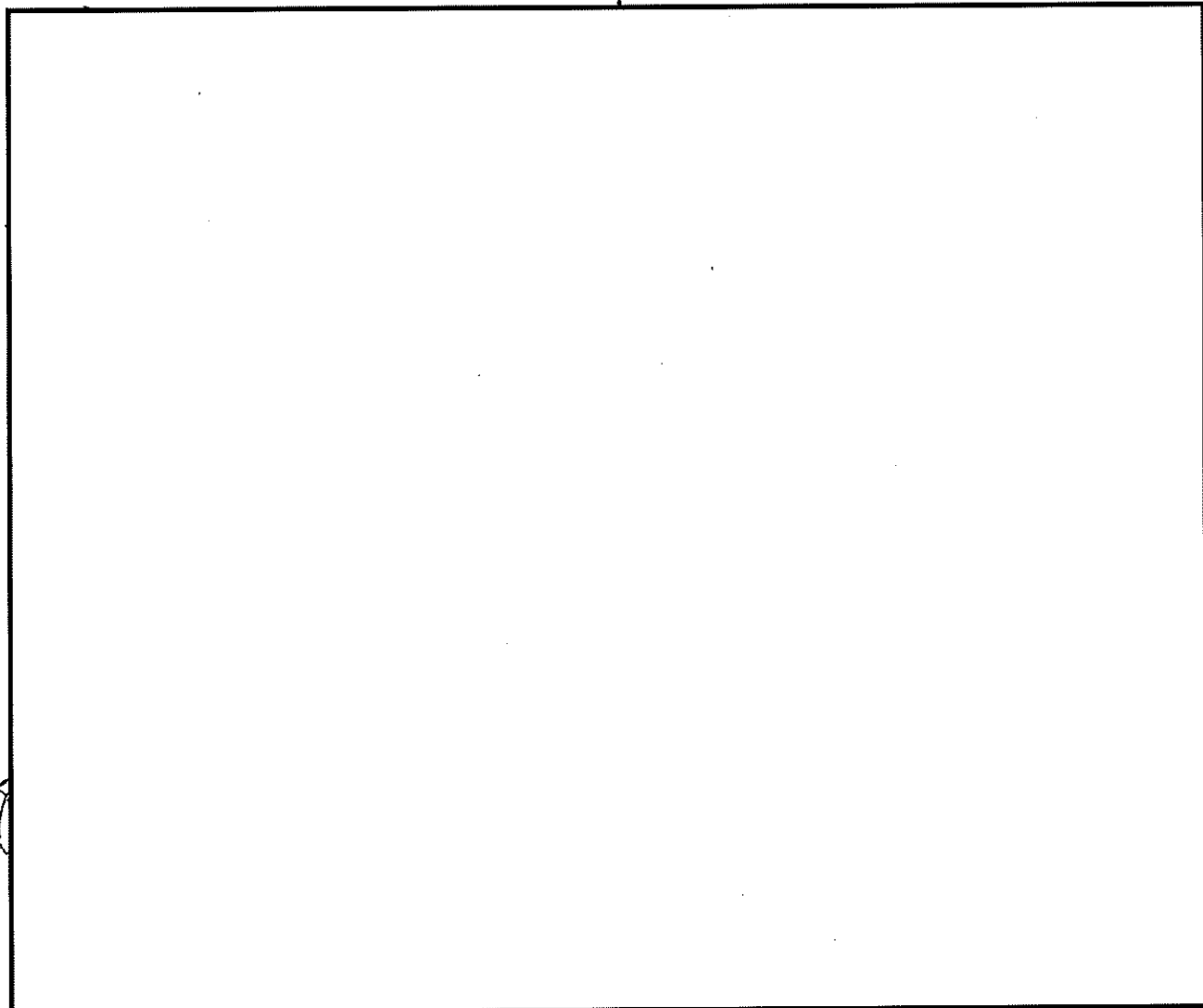
  
  
 record of his ever residing there.  stated that she does not know the employee and she does not know of anyone who does.

  
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 New York City, advised that she has known the employee for one year and considers him to be a loyal American citizen. She stated he lives quietly and never has any visitors.   


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Referral/Direct Information concerning employee's activity with Office of Strategic Services (u)

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Mr. CHAPIN said he definitely would not characterize TITO as admiration but that he felt employee recognized TITO's ability as an individual. He added that the employee was told him he took great glee in arguing with TITO and in pointing out the fallacy of Communist philosophy. (u)

WILLIAM DONOVAN, Attorney, 2 Wall Street, New York City, who was formerly General WILLIAM DONOVAN, Director of the Office of Strategic Services during the late war, advised that employee, as a representative of the Office of Strategic Services, was first deputy chief and later Chief of the Military Mission to TITO's Headquarters for the Office of Strategic Services. (u)

Mr. DONOVAN advised during the course of this Mission and his tour of duty with Office of Strategic Services, employee did exemplify work. He stated that there is no question in his mind concerning the loyalty of employee to the United States. He advised that he based his opinion on his knowledge of employee's background, his record, and his knowledge of employee while he was attached to the Office of Strategic Services. (u)

In this regard, Mr. DONOVAN advised that employee's most specific duty in his Mission to TITO's headquarters, was to act as friendly as possible with TITO in order to win his confidence so that he might be able to extract all essential military and intelligence information concerning TITO's future plans and policies. (u) b7D Per State

[redacted] New York City, stated he was formerly [redacted]

He advised [redacted] when he arrived in Belgrade, employee was in Belgrade as head of the Office of Strategic Services unit there, remaining there until "VE" day. (u)

[redacted] advised he arrived at the opinion, without being able to state exactly his reasons for his feeling, that employee was not the type of individual to be representing the United States in Belgrade. He stated that he believed the Office of Strategic Services with TITAN at its head, publicly showered too much attention and seeming admiration upon TITO. (u)

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[redacted] advised that he felt there was too much apparent appealing of TITO and his policies by the American authorities. (S) (u)

He advised that employee in particular, as head of Office of Strategic Services in Belgrade, and an individual who apparently controlled the thinking of the Ambassador and the policy of American authorities in Belgrade, publicly at various receptions held in Belgrade, showed to much of this attention and apparent admiration on TITO, which to his mind, probably gave the wrong impression to other nations concerning the United States position in regard to Russia. (S) (u)

[redacted] stated that his observations of employee's actions in regard to TITO, plus employee's actions which caused him to believe that power and promotion were employee's first consideration, made him feel that employee was not the right type of individual to be representing the United States in Belgrade. (S) (u)

[redacted] stated that actually he was not able to show factually the reason for his feeling of lack of faith in employee other than his observations based on employee's actions. He added that his opinion was such that in the final analysis he believed if it became a choice between employee's desire for power and prestige plus his apparent admiration of TITO as evidenced by his actions, and the welfare of America in contrast, to the welfare of Russia, employee would first choose the welfare of America. (S) (u)

In conclusion, [redacted] stated that TITO finally ordered the Office of Strategic Services out of Belgrade inasmuch as he had become suspicious of their motives in their overt friendliness towards him and, as a consequence, employee had to leave Belgrade. (S) (u)

New York City Confidential Informant [redacted] who are familiar with Communist activities in the New York area, advised they do not know employee.

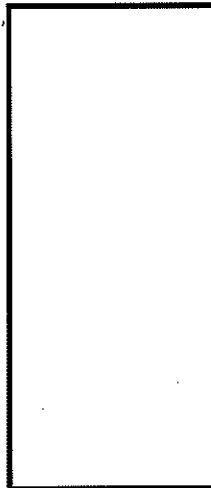
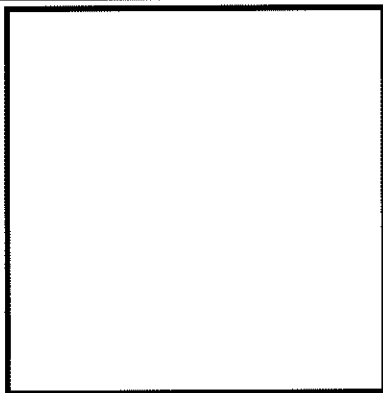
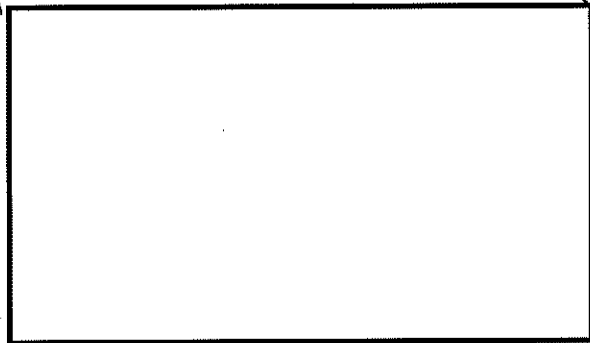
Records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York contain no information concerning employee.

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The Confidential Informants mentioned in the report of SA [redacted] dated June 8, 1949, at New York, New York, are identified as follows:

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According to the Daily Worker for October 11, 1941, the Russian War Relief, incorporated, supersedes the original American Committee for Red Relief to Russia. The Daily Worker is an East Coast Communist dominated newspaper. The Daily Worker of October 4, 1941, stated that Russian War Relief, incorporated, is intended to be the central national organization through which numerous groups and committees will send their medical and civilian aid to the Soviet Union. According to a pamphlet issued by Russian War Relief, incorporated, shipping facilities were being provided by the Soviet Government, and pending establishment of its own representatives in the U.S.S.R., supplies were to be distributed by "the Voice", society for cultural relations with foreign countries.

The Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee has been declared by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

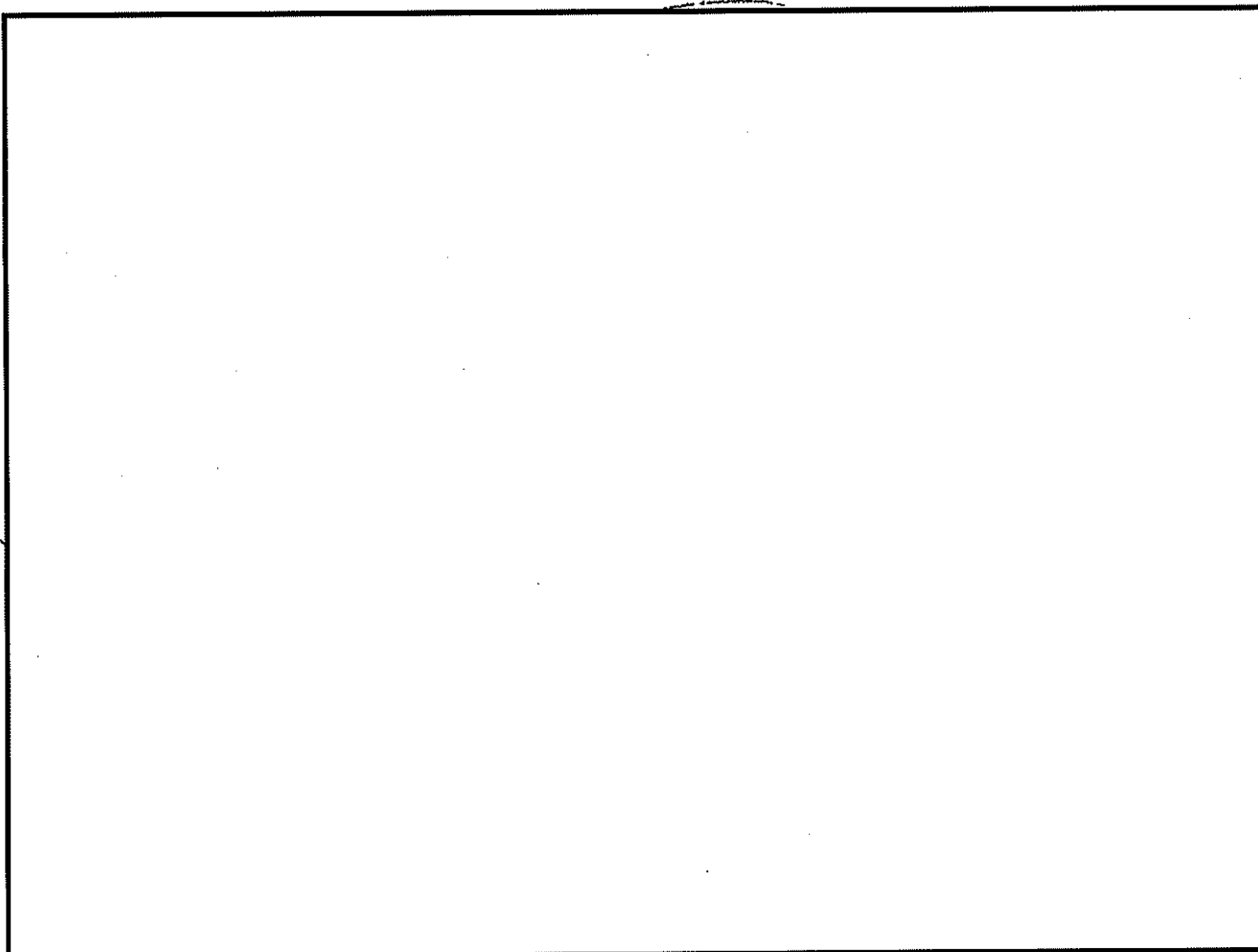
The publication "New Masses" has been cited as a Communist front organization by the HUAC on June 24, 1942 and March 29, 1944.



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ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS



This information is being included on the Administrative  
Page inasmuch as it is only an opinion of [redacted]

In regard to the interview of [redacted] it is felt  
that his remarks should be set out in greater detail.

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[ ] advised that immediately upon his arrival in Belgrade, he noted that the employee was the "kingpin" in Belgrade. He also noticed that the employee was abundantly supplied with money and equipment by [ ] which was used lavishly in the entertainment of TITO and his representatives and the representatives of Father MATUNS. Because of this money, facilities, and his ability to speak Russian, the employee would get anything he wanted. b1

It was also apparent, according to [ ] that the employee had tremendous power over the Embassy and that he did the "thinking" for the Ambassador. [ ] stated that, in view of these facts and coupled with the employee's apparent desire for power and prestige, his evident desire for promotions, as his primary consideration, and, his own, [ ] dislike for THAYER, [ ] felt that the employee is not the type of individual to have represented the United States in Belgrade.

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He related that, at the important functions of the various nations in Belgrade, the employee was very obvious in his associations with TITO and TITO'S representatives, going out of his way to be friendly with them, in actions such as throwing his arms about them. [ ] stated that these actions took place in the presence of the other nations' ambassadors and representatives, and that he felt that a wrong impression of the United States' position toward Russia was created in the minds of the other nations' representatives.

[ ] advised that he did not know if the employee's duty was such that he was supposed to act in this way in order to get as close to TITO as possible, in order to extract all possible information he could concerning TITO'S policies. He added, however, that even if that was the purpose, he, [ ] did not approve of such actions, inasmuch as he felt there was "too damn much appeasing of TITO'S actions by the Allied representatives".

It is to be noted that [ ] stated that he noted a sudden change in TITO'S reciprocation to the advances made by the representatives of [ ] and THAYER in particular, apparently believing they were seeing and learning too much of his activities and ordered that they be sent out of Belgrade. b1

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[ ] stated that he had never noted or heard of any activities of the employee in the black market.

He offered no information concerning homosexuality on the employee's part.

It is to be noted that none of the individuals who were interviewed voluntarily offered any information concerning homosexuality on the employee's part. No information is contained in this report concerning the relationship of [ ] and the employee, inasmuch as it was felt that this information was extraneous to the employee's loyalty, even though it could be considered as derogatory information concerning the employee.

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There is no information concerning this relationship available to the New York Office, other than the admissions of the employee and [ ] which are set out in WFO referenced report as information obtained from [ ] of that report.

There is no information bearing on THAYER'S loyalty in the investigation of [ ] which was conducted as a Special Inquiry for the State Department under Public Law #407, 80th Congress (VOICE OF AMERICA) and reported under this character in the report of SA [ ] dated July 16, 1948, or in the investigation of [ ] aka, conducted under the same character, which investigation, is reported in the report of SA [ ] dated July 22, 1948 at New York City. Consequently, none of the information developed in those investigations is set out in instant report.

The investigation of [ ] failed to reflect any association with the employee, and there is no

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ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS (Cont'd.)

other information available to the New York Office concerning the employee and [ ] other than the information given by [ ] in WFO referenced report which reflects that [ ] knew of [ ]

Consequently, no information concerning [ ] activities have been included in the "Results of Investigation" section of this report. [ ]

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However, though his activities have not been reported in the "Results of Investigation" for the Bureau's information, a summary of [ ] investigation is being included here.

The Bureau's attention is called to the letter from the New York Office to the Bureau, dated March 2, 1949, marked confidential, and entitled, [ ] Pertinent portions of this letter are being included herein, inasmuch as it is believed this information summarizes [ ] activities.

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice**

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CHARLES WHEELER THAYER  
Chief, International Broadcasting Division  
Department of State  
New York, New York  
LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

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Dated: June 8, 1949 at New York,  
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO

MR. H. B. FLETCHER *HBF*

FROM

MR. L. L. LAUGHLIN *LL*

SUBJECT

CHARLES W. THAYER  
STATE DEPARTMENT  
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DATE June 8, 1949

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While talking with ASAC Belmont of New York on June 7, 1949, I requested that he check on the status of this matter and, in the event the investigation had not been completed, that it be afforded prompt attention and a report submitted immediately. Mr. Belmont said this would be done.

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*Mr. Belmont  
later called Mr. Laughlin  
& advised that the New  
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## Office Memorandum

UNIT

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : CIV. OFFICE, SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

DATE: MAY 27, 1949

SUBJECT: CHARLES WHEELER THAYER  
Chief, IBD  
Department of State  
New York, New York  
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ReBulet April 29, 1949. Enclosed herewith is the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated May 27, 1949 at Washington, D.C. bearing the above title and character. Attention is specifically directed to the administrative page of Agent [redacted] report wherein an explanation is set out concerning the OSS agency check. As mentioned there, [redacted] CIA, who has the function of furnishing OSS files to agents of the Washington Field Office of the FBI explained that there was a "confidential administrative file" on THAYER, which was not available for review by Agents of the FBI. He stated this was a general practice in the case of certain confidential OSS files under orders from [redacted] superiors.

In this Loyalty of Government Employees investigation, it seemed from the brief summary of the OSS confidential file furnished by [redacted] that there was information in the file of value to the case. However, as the source was not revealed for this information, a question arose as to reporting the summary of the information furnished by [redacted]. It was not reported but the pertinent information furnished by [redacted] was placed on the administrative page, should the Bureau decide that it should be reported.

The question was also raised in connection with this problem as to whether the Bureau through its liaison with CIA should take up the policy of withholding certain confidential files from the FBI in this type of case.

This matter is being brought to the attention of the Bureau to explain the circumstances of the OSS check in this particular case and to set out what appears to be the general policy of the CIA in furnishing OSS files to the Bureau.

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TITLE CHARLES WHEELER THAYER, Chief, International Broadcasting Division, United States Department of State, New York, New York			CHARACTER OF CASE LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** The employee, while serving with OSS in Europe, considered by many as being pro-TITO, pro-Russian and an associate of TITO Partisans, Russians, pro-Russians and Communists. This activity explained by many as merely following his OSS duties inasmuch as the Allied policy was to cooperate with TITO. Several individuals volunteered the information that the employee is a homosexual and associates with homosexuals.

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CHARLES WHEELER THAYER  
Chief, International Broadcasting Division  
United States Department of State  
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LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

May 27, 1949

Washington, D.C.

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I. PERSONAL HISTORY

The United States Department of State personnel file on CHARLES WHEELER THAYER contains the following information: He was born February 9, 1910, at Villa Nova, Pennsylvania of American parentage. After completing St. Paul's Preparatory School, Concord, New Hampshire in 1928, he entered the United States Military Academy, West Point. He remained here from 1929 through 1933, whereupon he obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree. On October 11, 1945, at Vienna, Austria, he married MARIA PETRUGGI, a person of Italian nationality. The employee's Loyalty Form dated March 8, 1949, lists his residence as International Broadcasting Division, 224 West 57th Street, New York, New York.

The employee's State Department file reflects the following employment: Upon leaving West Point in 1933, he served as a Second Lieutenant, U.S. Cavalry, Fort Myer, Virginia. He resigned his commission the same year to enter the U.S. State Department foreign service, and in March of 1934, he was appointed Clerk at the American Embassy, Moscow, Russia. In 1937, he received an appointment as Vice Consul at Moscow, Russia, and later the same year at Berlin, Germany. He was appointed Vice Consul at the U.S. Consulate General, Hamburg, Germany in 1939, where he remained until February of 1940, when he became Vice Consul - Third Secretary at the U.S. Embassy, Moscow, Russia.

He was transferred in February of 1942 to the same position at the U.S. Legation, Kabul, Afghanistan. In 1943, he went to the U.S. Embassy, London, England, where he assumed the duties of Vice Consul - Third Secretary. During 1944 to 1946, he was in the military service. From March, 1946, to August of the same year, he served as U.S. Political Advisor with the U.S. - U.S.S.R. Joint Commission, Goseoul, Korea. Thereafter, he was assigned to the U. S. National War College, Washington, D.C., until November 13, 1946, when the employee was assigned to the International Broadcasting Division, Office of the Associate Chief, New York City, as a Consultant (Russian); effective December 28, 1947, he was promoted to Associate Chief and on March 10, 1949, he became Chief, International Broadcasting Division, New York City, which position he presently holds. Mr. THAYER performed supervisory duties.

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II. BASIS FOR INVESTIGATION

Washington [ ] another Government agency which conducts personnel and intelligence investigations, furnished the Federal Bureau of Investigation with the following information pertaining to CHARLES THAYER. This information was reported to Washington [ ] by a confidential informant of that agency, who will hereinafter be referred to as Washington [ ]. According to Washington [ ] this informant has always been found to be trustworthy, and has furnished reliable information to Washington [ ].

Washington [ ] served as an official for the United States Government at Belgrade, Yugoslavia, when CHARLES THAYER was stationed there as Chief of the Military Mission (OSS). He stated that when the Military Mission was set up in Belgrade, THAYER had as his [ ] two Americans of Yugoslav descent named [ ] both described by Washington [ ] as communists. According to this informant, these two individuals, while at Bari, Italy during World War II, showed clearly and unmistakably to everyone that they were Communists. A third member of Mr. THAYER's [ ] was [ ] who, according to Washington [ ] was probably not a Communist but did associate with the Communists and especially with [ ]. Washington [ ] further reported that THAYER was very friendly with the Russians, and although our policy at that time favored TITO, the employee showed a very strong like towards the TITO Forces and a dislike for General DRAZA MIHAILOVICH. He stated that THAYER once "flew in" fifty jeeps and gave them to TITO and that a good many good Americans in Belgrade questioned THAYER's loyalty to the U.S. cause.

Washington [ ] in addition, advised Washington [ ] that, while he was at Belgrade, Yugoslavia, he heard rumors to the effect that the employee was a homosexual. A close friend of Washington [ ] worked on the staff of THAYER in Belgrade for the Military Mission, confided in Washington [ ] that he had suspected THAYER of being homosexual, had heard stories that he was homosexual and had made a point of trying to find out whether such information were true. He later told Washington [ ] that he found that THAYER was a homosexual. Washington [ ] stated that this information regarding THAYER was widely known in Belgrade, although the informant had no actual facts to prove the matter. He stated that THAYER was waited on regularly by a [ ] who was a known homosexual in Belgrade. Washington [ ] was at Vienna, Austria, when THAYER was there with the Office of Strategic Services Mission and he advised that he heard the same stories there regarding the moral conduct of THAYER. Washington [ ] stated that several very close friends of THAYER have

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had the reputation of being homosexuals and of associating with other reputed homosexuals. This informant explained that there was no question in his mind but that TRAYER is a homosexual and should not be retained in such a vulnerable position as he now holds. He explained that if people knew that the employee were a homosexual in Belgrade and Vienna, that it is a foregone conclusion that the Russians also have access to that same information and at some propitious moment may use it to embarrass the Department of State.

### III. RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION

Washington [ ] has not been interviewed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in connection with this loyalty investigation inasmuch as it has been determined that this informant is presently outside the Continental United States on official business for the United States Government.

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The files of Washington [ ] mentioned above, contain further information regarding the employee which is being utilized in this investigation.

The employee's personnel files at the Department of State, Washington, D.C., including his foreign service file and his file covering duty in the Continental United States, reflects his employment with this Department as reported above. The information contained in these files has been utilized during this loyalty investigation.

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ROBERT JOYCE, Policy Planning Staff, U.S. State Department, Washington, D.C., advised that he has known CHARLES THAYER since 1936 as a fellow employee of the State Department and considers THAYER one of his most intimate friends and associates. He characterized the employee as a student of Russian matters and as violently anti-Communist. There has never been any question in the mind of JOYCE as to the complete loyalty of THAYER to the United States. He is a career diplomat, whose every effort is directed toward a pro-American attitude.

Mr. JOYCE commented that in the spring of 1944, THAYER reported to him in Bari, Italy as a member of the Office of Strategic Services. At that time, the informant directed the activities of the Office of Strategic Services in Italy and Yugoslavia, Greece and other countries in that area. In the fall of 1944, JOYCE sent THAYER to Belgrade, Yugoslavia, where he was made head of the Military Mission (OSS) to deal with the TITO Forces. Mr. JOYCE explained that it was the decision of the Allied Forces to work with TITO even though it was known he was pro-Russia and pro-Communist. Hence, it was the duty of THAYER to make contact with the TITO Group and others who might be known to be pro-Communist in order to get information of value for the Allied Military Forces. Being under these orders, THAYER did work closely with TITO and admitted Communists in Yugoslavia. However, the employee's personal feelings were known by JOYCE to be extremely anti-Communist. There never was any question in the mind of JOYCE, but that THAYER was always loyal to the United States.

According to the informant, THAYER remained at Belgrade until after the U.S. Embassy was set up there and then went to Austria as head of the Military Mission. In Austria, the services of THAYER were invaluable to General MARK CLARK and other top military individuals because of his knowledge of Russia and the Russian language.

In conclusion, Mr. JOYCE, again, reiterated that THAYER has always indicated to him that he is a completely patriotic citizen. The only reason it could be questioned, according to JOYCE, would be because someone with a personal dislike for THAYER and being unaware of the facts might report trumped-up charges.

HAROLD SHANTZ, National Security Council, Old State Department, Building, Washington, D.C., related that he initially became acquainted with THAYER when the latter became employed as a Clerk with the U.S. Embassy in Moscow, Russia in 1934. At that time, SHANTZ was Second Secretary at that Embassy. After serving here together for about a year and a half, their next official and social contact was in 1945. In the early part of that year, THAYER was head of the U.S. Military Mission at Belgrade, Yugoslavia, when SHANTZ was assigned by the State Department to Belgrade as Consul to help set up the U.S. Embassy there.

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As a result, for a period of several months THAYER and SHANTZ worked together in Belgrade and also were in contact socially. According to the informant, this has been the extent of his acquaintance with THAYER except for occasional chance meetings.

Mr. SHANTZ explained that there has never been any question in his mind as to the complete loyalty of the employee. However, he stated that it was easy for him to see where others not familiar with the administration policy of the United States in Yugoslavia might question his patriotism. In explanation of this statement, Mr. SHANTZ related that during the period of time that THAYER was in Belgrade, it was the policy of the United States Government to recognize the TITO Group even though it was admittedly backed by Russia and Communists in Yugoslavia. It was thereupon the official duty of THAYER to maintain close official and personal contact with the TITO Forces. This, he did and with telling effect. THAYER maintained these contacts merely as a part of his official duty and there was no personal expression of his toward the ideologies of TITO or the Communists. Informant stated that he mentioned this matter only because he felt those around THAYER in Belgrade might possibly have misconstrued the action of THAYER in dealing with the TITO Forces. In conclusion, Mr. SHANTZ reiterated his complete faith in the loyalty of the employee to the United States Government.

Mr. LLEWELLYN E. THOMPSON, Deputy Director, Office of European Affairs, Department of State, related that he initially met the employee in Moscow, Russia in 1941, while both were assigned to the American Embassy. They served together here for a year or so and since that time have had official contact at various times in their State Department careers. Mr. THOMPSON considers the employee as one of his close personal friends and, therefore, considers himself well qualified to speak concerning the loyalty of THAYER.

Mr. THOMPSON believes CHARLES THAYER is one of the most patriotic Americans he knows. He is not a person who is content to allow his loyalty to be of a dormant nature. His loyalty has been demonstrated by actively engaging in tasks for the State Department calling for action to strengthen America. He is a person of strong, anti-Communist convictions and intense pro-American thoughts. He stated he has never observed anything reflecting unfavorably on the loyalty of THAYER, but on the contrary, has on countless occasions observed action by THAYER showing constructive patriotism.

Mr. THOMPSON volunteered the following information regarding the employee. He characterized him as a very intelligent person which causes him to think and act in an unorthodox manner, in his impulsive nature to get things done quickly. Because of his straightforward approach, he has made enemies and

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it was offered by the informant that possibly that persons who did not like THAYER personally might question his loyalty. Casual remarks may have been made by THAYER which left unexplained might be misconstrued as unpatriotic by persons who did not understand THAYER's personality or the situation under consideration. Mr. THOMPSON stated he wanted to make these remarks in an attempt to explain how personal enemies of THAYER might have charged him with disloyal conduct when, in fact, he has always impressed the informant as being the ultimate in patriotism.

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Washington [ ] a highly placed official of the Department of State, Washington, D.C., advised that he has been officially acquainted with CHARLES THAYER for only the past two years and has had no personal contact with him. He commented that because of this impersonal knowledge of THAYER, he does not feel he is in a position to comment regarding his loyalty. However, during this period, he has personally observed no activity by THAYER which would reflect unfavorably upon his loyalty.

FREDERICK G. REINHARDT, Chief, Division Eastern European Affairs, Department of State, Washington, D.C., related that he has known the employee well for the past twelve years. In 1940 - 1941, they roomed together for about one year in Moscow, Russia, while both were assigned by the Department of State to the American Embassy there. During the last World War, Mr. REINHARDT served as a Political Advisor to the Military in the Mediterranean Theater of Operations. He was stationed in Italy while THAYER was there working for the Office of Strategic Services and later when THAYER became head of the Military Mission in Belgrade, Yugoslavia.

Because of the nature of their jobs, they necessarily exchanged information and REINHARDT, in this way, was able to scrutinize the thoughts and work of the employee. He explained that it was the decision of the Joint Chiefs of Staff of the Allied Commander that as to the Yugoslavian problem, that TITO would be recognized and that the TITO Forces would be contacted by the Allied Forces. Hence, under these instructions, the Military Mission (OSS) in Belgrade headed by THAYER was under orders to contact TITO and work with him. THAYER followed these instructions and was instrumental in developing close personal contact with TITO and his subordinates. According to Mr. REINHARDT, THAYER did this, not because he believed in the political ideology of TITO, but merely from a military standpoint. In fact, REINHARDT is positive that THAYER, during his OSS service, conceived that TITO eventually would attach himself to Russia and the Communists. It was THAYER's position to contact anyone who might be in a position to furnish information of value to the Allied Military Forces, irrespective of their political background and undoubtedly with this in mind, THAYER

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did maintain close contact with TITO, pro-Russians and pro-Communists. However, the informant stated that THAYER has always been soundly American and his actions have always been directed toward that patriotic note. In all the official and personal relationship which REINHARDT has had with the employee, he has always conducted himself as a loyal American.

LIVINGSTON L. SATTERTHWAITE, Chief, Division of British Commonwealth Affairs, State Department, Washington, D.C., informed that from 1943 through 1948, he was attached to the U.S. Embassy in London, England. He recalled that during World War II, THAYER was in London attached to the Occupied Areas Division of the U.S. Embassy receiving training in the Yugoslavian Division. He was here about six months, and it was during this period that SATTERTHWAITE was able to observe THAYER officially and socially. Over this period, THAYER appeared to be of the utmost loyalty to the United States, no conduct by the employee left any doubt in the informant's mind as to his complete patriotism to America.

[redacted] Washington, D.C., advised that he first met CHARLES THAYER in 1938 or 1939. He did not see him again until September of 1940 [redacted]

[redacted] While there, he saw a great deal of THAYER. [redacted] advised that he next was in contact with Mr. THAYER [redacted]

[redacted] at which time Mr. THAYER left the State Department for duty with the Office of Strategic Services. The [redacted]

[redacted] he has concluded that the employee is very strongly against the Communist form of government in Russia and any other dictatorial form of government. [redacted] during all the years that he has been in contact with the employee, has formed the conclusion that the employee is a loyal American, and a strong supporter of the Democratic form of government as we enjoy in this country.

[redacted] He stated that CHARLES THAYER was assigned to the Embassy in Moscow [redacted]

[redacted] does not feel that he is in a position to comment presently concerning the loyalty of the employee. [redacted] stated that he has never heard anyone question THAYER's loyalty or state that he possessed un-American feelings. [redacted]

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Washington [ ] declined to furnish a signed statement and related that he is unwilling to appear before a Loyalty Board.

[ ] Central Intelligence Agency, Washington, D.C., stated that he had had some personal association with THAYER in the Yugoslavian area during the war when both of them were working for OSS, but stated that he knows the employee best by reputation. He explained that it was the general opinion of persons in that theater that THAYER must have been pro-TITO or he would not have been assigned to head the Military Mission to the Partisans in Yugoslavia. [ ] remarked that he drew no conclusions reflecting unfavorably on the loyalty of the employee from this, pointing out that THAYER was a very conservative person who was far from being sympathetic toward Communists. He pointed out that because of his official duties for OSS, THAYER undoubtedly associated with Yugoslav Communists but this would, by no means, indicate sympathy for these individuals, except to persons unfamiliar with the nature of THAYER's assignment. In fact, when THAYER visited Belgrade, about a year ago, according to [ ] he was given "the brush-off" by the Communists who considered THAYER a Reactionary and responsible for the uncooperative policy of the United States toward the TITO Regime. The informant stated that he had never heard any complaints concerning THAYER's loyalty and personally had no doubt in his mind but that he was a patriotic citizen of America.

[ ] Central Intelligence Agency, Washington, D.C., stated that he worked with THAYER in the latter part of 1944 for a period of several weeks when he relieved the employee as head of the United States Military Mission to Yugoslavia. He has met him on infrequent occasions since that time. He has

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never had any reason to question the loyalty of THAYER and pointed out that while THAYER was in contact with the Partisan Forces in Yugoslavia, he never evidenced any sympathy for the Communist type of government and, as a matter of fact, was outspokenly anti-Communist.

Washington, D.C., stated that he initially met THAYER in [redacted] at which time THAYER acted as his interpreter in contacts with the Yugoslav Forces and the initial contacts with the Russian Army in the Danube. He stated that THAYER handled this assignment with great skill and was adept at parrying questions by the Russians who were seeking information to which they were not entitled. He advised that the interests of the United States were obviously THAYER's primary concern and he gave no indication whatsoever that he was at all partisan toward the Communists.

[redacted] but he feels that his opinion that THAYER is loyal to the United States is well substantiated by his observation of THAYER during that time.

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Washington, D.C., stated that he was [redacted] Central Intelligence Agency, the Office of Strategic Services in 1944 and met THAYER there, when THAYER was assigned to head the OSS Mission to TITO of Yugoslavia. In addition to conferring with him on official matters, he had much social contact with the employee and came to know him very well. He stated that he had absolutely no question concerning THAYER's loyalty to the United States, and pointed out that any support given by THAYER to the TITO Forces was required of him by his assignment and was not a matter of personal choice.

Miss LAURA TUCKERMAN, 5415 Edgemoor Lane, Bethesda, Maryland, related that she first met THAYER in June, 1945, at Salzburg, Austria, when both were with the Office of Strategic Services. She was an Administrative Assistant under THAYER from August to October of that year in Vienna. She stated that she was also well acquainted with MARIA PETRICKI, THAYER's former wife, and was instrumental in bringing them together. She stated that THAYER is one of the few men she had known in Europe whom she could definitely class as outspokenly anti-Communist. She stated that THAYER always endeavored to support the interests of the United States in his dealings with foreign representatives and while he made efforts to meet amicably with the Russian representatives, he was, by no means, sympathetic to their governmental systems. She concluded by stating that she would never question the employee's loyalty to the United States.

WILLIAM P. MADDOX, Director, Foreign Service Institute, U.S. Department of State, Washington, D.C., stated that he knew THAYER in 1944 and 1945, when both

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were with ~~you~~ in Italy. He stated that he exercised some supervision over THAYER and conferred with him frequently on official matters. From this contact, he stated that he has had complete confidence and faith in THAYER's loyalty to the United States and knows that his contacts with the Communist forces of TITO were made strictly in line with his official duties, and that he never demonstrated any sympathy for the Communist system of government.

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[redacted] Central Intelligence Agency, Washington, D.C., related that he was assigned to the U.S. Embassy in Belgrade, Yugoslavia while THAYER was there as head of the Military Mission in 1945. The few months that THAYER was in Belgrade on the job, [redacted] had slight official and social contact with him. It was a part of THAYER's duties to carry on liaison with the TITO Forces in Yugoslavia. The employee had great success in contacting directly TITO and other highly-placed officials under TITO. According to [redacted] the employee had the reputation in Belgrade of being pro-TITO. However, [redacted] stated that he had no first hand knowledge that THAYER was pro-TITO, nor could he say that being pro-TITO at that time was to be frowned upon from a loyalty standpoint. The TITO Forces at that time were thinly scattered and not a powerful group, and it was not known fully that eventually TITO would be identified as pro-Russian and pro-Communist. Informant stated that he

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has no facts upon which he could question the loyalty of THAYER. During the above conversation, [ ] volunteered the information that it was common gossip in the diplomatic circles in Belgrade that THAYER was a homosexual. However, [ ] stated that he had no proof of this allegation.

[ ] that he first met CHARLES THAYER [ ] Washington, D.C., advised [ ] stated that THAYER had gone to Russia shortly after he had graduated from West Point in 1933. THAYER had related to [ ] that, although he had attended West Point, he always had the desire to get into foreign service with the State Department. He was first employed by the Department of State in the U.S. Embassy at Moscow as a Messenger.

[ ] he has been in frequent contact with THAYER and has had numerous discussions with him regarding Russian and Communism. He has also discussed with THAYER his support of TITO in Yugoslavia inasmuch as [ ] has always been of the opinion that aid should have been continued to MIHAILOVICH. As a result of these discussions, the informant feels that THAYER had taken a military view of the matter when he attempted to gain the confidence of the TITO Forces and that his pro-TITO attitude did not reflect a personal belief in Communist ideologies. The informant stated that as a result of all his contacts with THAYER, he feels that he is well informed on Russian matters, very anti-Soviet and not at all in sympathy with the Communist form of government. [ ] stated that he feels that there is no doubt whatsoever that THAYER is a loyal American.

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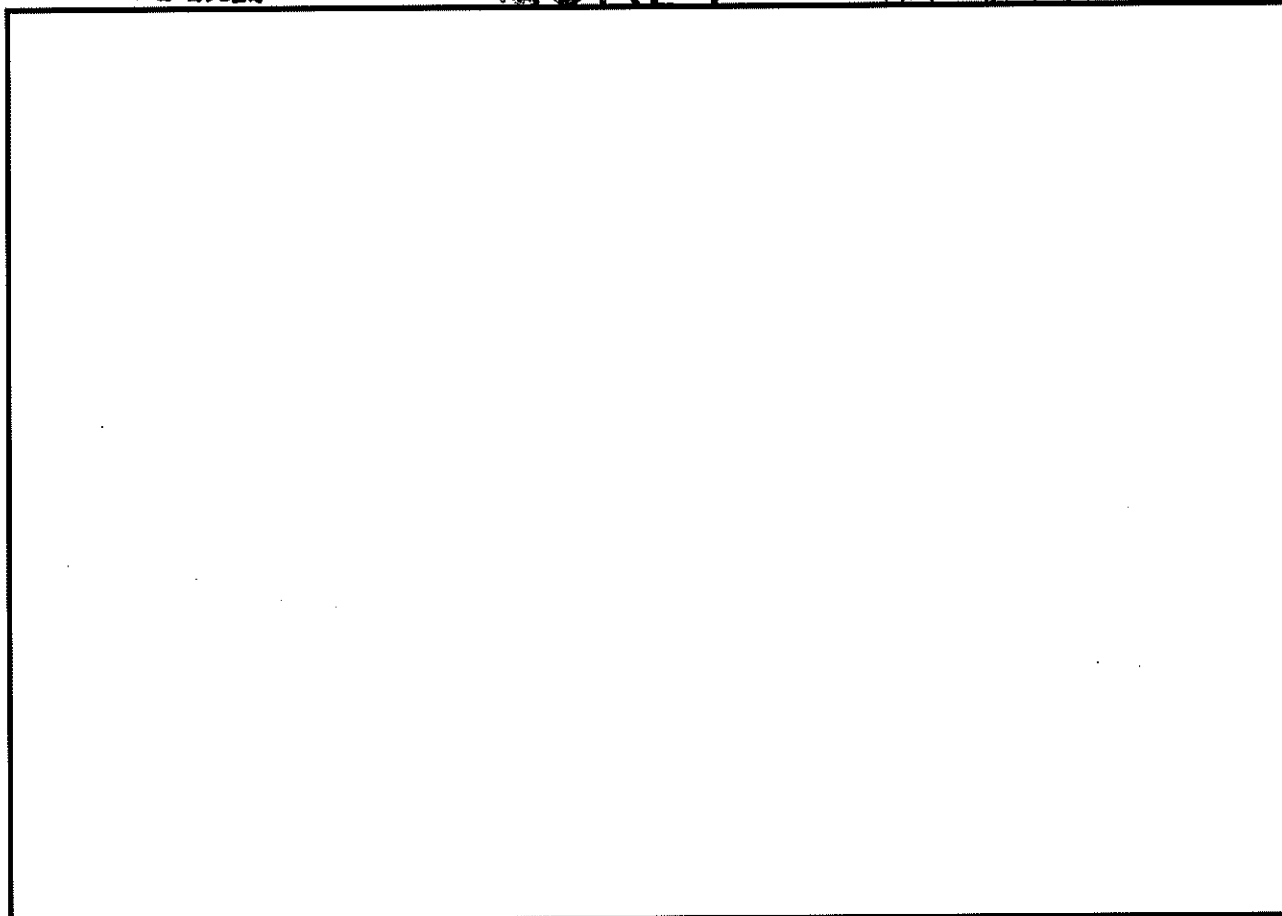
[ ] Pentagon Building, Washington, D.C., informed that he served as an observer on temporary duty in the Mediterranean Theater of Operations with O-1 from August, 1942, to December, 1944. [ ] explained that it was his job to check on all the work of the OSS. During this period, although he did not have personal contact with THAYER, who was doing OSS work, he did read many reports written by THAYER on his observations of conditions in Yugoslavia. It was [ ] opinion, from reading these reports, that THAYER was extremely pro-TITO. At the time THAYER worked in Belgrade, he apparently had very close contact with the TITO Forces and spent practically all of his time reporting information furnished by them. The informant explained that it was the policy of the Allied Forces to "play ball" with the TITO Forces and to recognize them in contrast to the forces of MIHAILOVICH. It was quite possible that THAYER had this policy in mind when he continually reported pro-TITO information. It is not known by [ ] whether this trend of THAYER's

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[redacted] State Department, stated he was a Naval Officer during World War II and as a representative of Army Intelligence, served with the OSS Mission in Vienna, Austria from August 1945 to January 1946. Technically, THAYER was his supervising officer, inasmuch as the employee was Chief of the OSS Mission for Austria. This official and occasional social contact is the extent of [redacted] knowledge of THAYER. The informant stated that to his knowledge, the employee is a loyal

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citizen of the United States and nothing came to his attention to reflect unfavorably upon the patriotism of THAYER in Austria. However, [ ] volunteered the following remarks concerning the personal traits of the employee: He was described as a person who lacked tact and discretion, one who is rude, egotistical, silly, childish and one for whose judgment [ ] has no respect. It was the general consensus of opinion while [ ] was in Vienna among fellow workers that THAYER was unfit to supervise a group of people because of the above traits. His snap judgments, which eventually proved to be wrong, were never retrenched. [ ] considers THAYER an incompetent executive, and he was amazed when THAYER was appointed to his present position.

[ ] American Red Cross, Washington, D.C., advised that during World War II, he served with OSS and first met THAYER in August 1945 when the latter was acting as head of the OSS Mission at Salzburg, Austria and later when it moved to Vienna, Austria. This informant recalled that THAYER had married an Italian WAC, who was the daughter of a man who was a political prisoner during the war because he was reported as a Nazi sympathizer. [ ] stated that he was personally acquainted with the employee, was in a position to observe communications dispatched by THAYER inasmuch as he served with OSS as Communications Officer and noted nothing of an unpatriotic nature. The informant recalled on one occasion THAYER sent a message to the State or War Department in the United States requesting he be allowed to give a decoration to TITO, however, the State or War Department responded that no such decoration should be given. It was [ ] conclusion that this event did not indicate that THAYER was pro-Russian or pro-Communist or believed in the ideologies of TITO but merely was thought to be a good political or military gesture. The informant believes THAYER is a patriotic citizen.

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D.C., former Royal Yugoslav Ambassador to the United States, advised that he had met CHARLES THAYER only once in the early part of 1947. At this meeting, THAYER exhibited very strong sympathy for the TITO Regime in Yugoslavia and told [REDACTED] that when he was with the Office of Strategic Services in Yugoslavia, he had discharged employees under his supervision who were pro-MIHAILOVICH. [REDACTED] pointed out that he, himself, was pro-MIHAILOVICH and naturally had an aversion to THAYER's attitude on the Yugoslav question, however, at this meeting he did not pursue any further this question in order to avoid argument. He stated he does not believe THAYER is or ever was disloyal to the United States but believes that THAYER was of the opinion that by cultivating TITO, the United States would gain an important ally.

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European Affairs, State Department, explained he has known THAYER by reputation in the State Department for many years and for the past couple of years has known him socially. He has observed the employee to be a patriotic citizen and has heard others comment to that effect. THAYER has repeatedly expressed his dislike for Communism to [redacted] and the latter knows that the employee in his present position has conducted his work in a strictly American manner.

[redacted] Washington, D.C., advised he was [redacted] during the time CHARLES THAYER was a student at the War College. He explained that his contact with THAYER was strictly of an official nature and that during the time the employee was at the War College, he conducted himself as a loyal American. No information has ever been brought to the attention of [redacted] which would reflect unfavorably upon the patriotism of THAYER.

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Washington [redacted] of known reliability, stated that he first became well acquainted with THAYER after the fall of Belgrade in 1944, while both informant and THAYER were employees of the United States Government in Belgrade. Informant stated that THAYER was the Chief of OSS and was in Belgrade during the same months in 1944 and 1945 as the informant. Informant stated that THAYER could speak Yugoslav and Russian very well, was a very able diplomat, but had a flare for the dramatic, and had a tremendous desire for power. Informant stated that THAYER was guilty of reporting to Washington officials false information regarding TITO. Informant further stated that THAYER played up TITO and suppressed the true facts regarding TITO's desire of forming a Balkan Confederacy, which would some day become another Soviet state. Informant said that THAYER was instrumental in having photographs of the Army Air Force photograph TITO on many occasions, playing up to the vanity of TITO. Informant stated that the policy had been decided to favor TITO in Yugoslavia and that THAYER would report information supporting that policy. Informant stated that it was well known in the offices of Strategic Services and in the other American offices that THAYER had several Communists on his staff. Informant stated that at this time informant cannot recall the names of those individuals on THAYER's staff, who were known Communists and Communist sympathizers. Informant stated, however, that THAYER explained the presence of Communists on his staff, by relating that it was necessary to have Communists in his dealings with TITO and that the Communists were good sources of information regarding the TITO regime. Informant stated that informant had frequent arguments with THAYER over THAYER's

policy of stressing the good sides of TITO and of suppressing the bad sides of TITO. Informant stated that in informant's opinion THAYER is very able, but informant doubts his wisdom in making policies for the United States. Informant stated further that THAYER is loyal to this country and would not knowingly betray any secrets or confidences to any foreign power. Informant declined to sign a statement and declined to appear before a Loyalty Hearing Board.

Washington [ ] an individual who has been reported by another government agency, as having furnished them on several occasions with extremely high reliable information, advised that he has been infrequently acquainted with THAYER for the past couple of years. This association has been entirely of a social nature. The informant related that in the conversations he has had with the employee, never has he observed anything which would reflect unfavorably upon THAYER's loyalty. However, the informant volunteered the following incidents reflecting unfavorably upon the character and morals of the employee. He commented that he has observed CHARLES THAYER to be a homosexual. He revealed that on an occasion in about 1946, he entered the apartment of THAYER unannounced and heard sounds in the bedroom indicating that two individuals were engaged in some activity on the bed. The informant did not look into the bedroom but proceeded to the living room. Shortly, two men entered the living room from the bedroom where the informant was waiting. One of the individuals was CHARLES THAYER, who while entering the room, conducted himself in a manner which transmitted the impression that he had been engaging in homosexual relations with the other man. This friend of THAYER's also gave the impression of having engaged in homosexual relations. The informant is not certain of the identity of this person.

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Washington [ ] related that after THAYER and the other individual dressed, they visited with the informant and THAYER talked at great length about his experiences with the Yugoslavs and Russian people. No mention was made at that time concerning the relationships between THAYER and his friend.

The informant, of his own free will, further related that in 1948, he met the employee and had dinner with him. During the evening they talked for several hours during which they told homosexual jokes, identified homosexuals and talked regarding which one is in love with another man. Later that evening, THAYER made unsuccessful approaches to the informant to engage in homosexual relations with him.

The informant, during the interview, mentioned several



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Individuals who were known by the informant and admitted by THAYER to be close friends of THAYER, who in turn were described by the informant as being homosexuals. An individual described by the informant as a homosexual who attempted to persuade the informant to engage in a homosexual act with him, told the informant that "THAYER is as queer as a \$3 bill" and that he is known as a "high-class homosexual and known only among high-class homosexuals." In conclusion, the informant said that from the homosexual conversations of THAYER, his association with known and admitted homosexuals, and his very definite approach to the informant seeking homosexual relations, convinced the informant that THAYER is a homosexual.

[redacted] Washington, D.C., stated that she owned the house at [redacted] in 1946 and recalled that THAYER and his wife rented an apartment in this house for about three months. She stated that she met the THAYERS only once and, therefore, could not comment concerning their loyalty. She stated that the only other person who lived in this apartment building while the THAYERS were there is a woman who has since deceased.

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[redacted] Washington, D.C., stated that she occupied the residence at [redacted] N.W., Washington, D.C. in 1936. She recalled THAYER having been a paying guest at that address for about three months. She could not recall the circumstances of his coming to live there or the names of any of his associates at that time. She added that she had observed no reason to question his loyalty to the United States.

[redacted] Washington, D.C., advised that CHARLES THAYER attended the first class at this college from September 3, 1946 to December 20, 1946. He stated that the records of the National War College contained no information which would reflect in any way on THAYER's loyalty. [redacted] advised that he was not personally acquainted with THAYER.

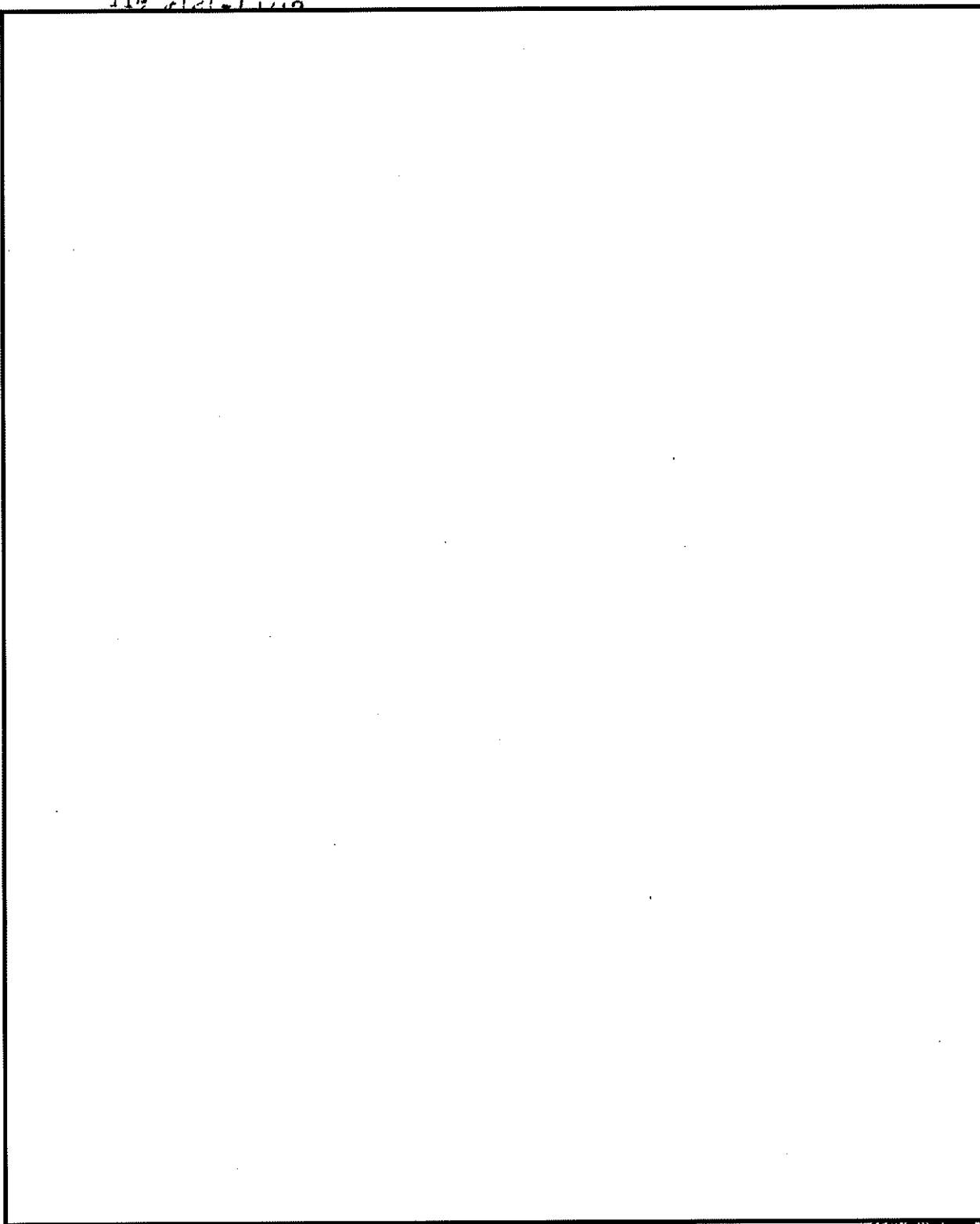
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The Army Officers record on CHARLES WHEELER THAYER, maintained at the Pentagon Building, revealed that THAYER received an appointment July 1, 1929 as a Cadet at the U. S. Military Academy. On June 13, 1933, he was appointed 2nd Lt. of Cavalry, regular Army, with Serial Number O-13966. He graduated from the Military Academy in June 1933. Effective September 14, 1933, while serving as a 2nd Lt., Cavalry, Fort Myer, Virginia, THAYER resigned from the Army to enter the State Department Foreign Service.

On July 24, 1944, THAYER received a temporary appointment as Staff Officer with the Office of Strategic Services and entered on duty as a Major, AUS, and was assigned to OSS. On November 24, 1944, he received a temporary promotion to Lt. Colonel. In January 1946, THAYER was relieved of his OSS duties in Austria and returned to the United States, where he was ordered to Tokyo, Japan and Korea on temporary duty for the War Department Military Government. He was separated from the Armed Forces on March 13, 1946 at Korea and reverted to inactive status on May 5, 1946. On February 12, 1947, he was appointed a Lt. Colonel in the Officers Reserve Corps, AUS, with Serial Number O-557789. The file reveals that he received the following decorations and citations: Legend of Merit, Asiatic Pacific Theater Ribbon and European Theater Ribbon.

The files of Washington [ ] and Washington [ ] other government agencies which conduct personnel and intelligence investigations, contain no information bearing upon the loyalty of the employee.

b2 The files of the Credit Bureau, Inc., Washington, D.C. contains information regarding the employee, which has been utilized in this investigation but contains no information concerning his loyalty.  
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The indices of Washington [ ] and [ ] other government agencies which conduct personnel and intelligence investigations, the House Committee on Un-American Activities, the Criminal Records Division and Special Investigations Squad of the Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, D.C. contain no information which could be identified with the employee.

Washington [ ] of established reliability, who have been familiar with Communist Party activities and individuals in the Washington area for a number of years, advised that they are not acquainted with CHARLES WHEELER THAYER.

The employee's name was checked against the records of the Identification Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and no criminal record was found.

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State Department, Security Division

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[Redacted] that his name not be revealed in the report: (u)

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and under no circumstances is his identity to be revealed.

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[Redacted] who was and reported by letter dated May 1949 entitled "CHARLES WHEELER THAYER State, LGE."

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The results of the check of the indices of the Identification Division of the Bureau had not been received at the time this report was written.

RESULTS:

To Bureau, May 9 and May 18; Denver - May 18; Los Angeles - May 18; Knoxville - May 19; New York - May 19 and 20; Norfolk - May 20; Cleveland - May 20

During this investigation, the following individuals were interviewed by Special Agent [redacted]

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[redacted] Agent [redacted] also conducted the neighborhoods and reviewed the [redacted] files, [redacted]

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated February 18, 1949 re THAYER SA-C, wherein reference was made in item 4 to information regarding [redacted] possibly [redacted] believed to be the girl friend of CHARLES THAYER.

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The Washington Field Office indices reflect no other information than this statement and hence was not included in the LGE report. Also included in this Bureau letter in item 5 was reference to THAYER's association with [redacted]

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The only information in the WFO indices re this association is contained in the report of Agent [redacted] Washington, D.C. dated December 4, 1946 on [redacted] wherein THAYER was interviewed as a reference and agency checks were reported. Inasmuch as this report does not disclose the entire information on [redacted] information regarding her has not been set out in this LGE report.

Reference is made to the report of SA [redacted] dated April 1, 1949 re THAYER; Security Matter - C, wherein

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Considerable information was furnished by [redacted] Security Division, Department of State. At that time, it was reported on the administrative page that no official report had been made by [redacted] for reasons explained thereon. However, it is to be noted that during this LGE investigation a routine request of the State Department Security Division for a check of its indices on THAYER produced this report of [redacted] which has been furnished the Bureau in the SM-C case. This information is being brought to the Bureau's attention as it indicates that the State Department Security Division apparently now considers Agent [redacted] report a part of the official files and not merely the personal possession of [redacted].

Reference is further made to the Security Matter-C case on THAYER, wherein [redacted] furnished information regarding the personal traits of THAYER and that [redacted] might have information regarding the loyalty of THAYER. [redacted] could not readily be located and hence was not reinterviewed and the information not reported inasmuch as she furnished no facts regarding THAYER's loyalty. The Washington Field Office has received no reply from the Bureau of the teletype requesting permission to interview [redacted].

Reference is made to the SM-C case on THAYER, wherein information was reported from [redacted] State Department, regarding the personal traits of THAYER, as furnished by the State Department Security Division. Both of these individuals are presently outside the continental U.S. on official business for the State Department and hence were not interviewed. Also, the information furnished by them previously was not reported in this LGE case as loyalty was not involved but merely personal conduct by THAYER.

Re the information furnished by Washington [redacted] it is to be observed that the complete information by this informant was furnished the Bureau in the SM-C investigation on THAYER, which was obtained from the files of the State Department Security Division. Some of the information in the SM-C case was omitted in this LGE investigation to protect the identity of the informant and because it was not believed expedient to include the names of reputed homosexuals in the LGE report. It is further to be noted that the friend mentioned by [redacted] as working on the staff of THAYER in Belgrade who

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It is determined that THAYER was a homosexual is [redacted]

The information furnished by Washington [redacted] has been summarized and complete details concerning the homosexual activities of THAYER, as described by this informant, together with the identities of friends of THAYER known to be homosexuals have been omitted from the LGE report. These details and names have previously been furnished the Bureau in the SI-C case and are not included in the LGE case to protect the identity of [redacted] and because furnishing the names of other homosexuals would serve no useful purpose in this loyalty case.

It is to be noted that during the course of the interview with MARYLYN E. THOMPSON, he remembered that a year or so ago, personal accusations had been made by individuals on THAYER's staff in New York, having to do with the personal habits of THAYER. The nature of these charges, THOMPSON refused to reveal stating he had no first hand knowledge of the matter, however, he said that the charges were of the nature that the Secretary (Ass- b2 b7C b7D) of the State Department was sent to New York to investigate the matter. THOMPSON said the charges were made by people who were "out to get THAYER" and had no factual basis. THOMPSON stated that those charges against THAYER were of a nature that they should be investigated and suggested that Assistant Secretary PEURIFOY be interviewed regarding this matter. It is to be noted that PEURIFOY was interviewed in this LGE case but disclaimed any knowledge of an investigation having been made concerning THAYER's activities in New York.

No information has been reported by the Washington Field Office concerning the association between [redacted] THAYER, inasmuch as all the facts concerning their associations were developed by the New York Office of the FBI and the New York Office of the Department of State Security Division. It is believed that the New York Office is the proper office to report this matter as they possess complete information.

It is to be noted that LLOYD A. LEHRBAS, Director of OWI, State Department, Washington, D.C. is the immediate superior of THAYER in Washington. LEHRBAS has not been interviewed inasmuch as he is presently in Paris, France on official business for the State Department.

THAYER's State Department Foreign Personnel File contains a memo dated March 23, 1949 to DONALD W. SMITH from GEORGE V. ALLIN, Assistant Secretary of State, requesting that THAYER be given a temporary assignment at the Embassy at Athens, Greece.

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where his duties would be to coordinate U. S. information activities in Greece under the direction of the Ambassador. According to the memo, his assignment should be about 4 months, and he should arrive in Athens not later than June 1, 1949. This information is being brought to the attention of the Bureau for possible future reference.

Attention of the Bureau is directed to the results of a check of Washington [redacted] OSS files wherein the statement was made that these files contain no information bearing on the loyalty of the employee. b2 b7D

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This is to advise that the OSS file produced for review by the FBI contained only THAYER's application for employment with OSS, letters of recommendation and newspaper clippings indicating he had been appointed as Chief of VOA. However, on the flimsy which was presented to OSS requesting a check of their files and which was returned to the FBI there was shown the following pertinent handwriting comments by [redacted] who handles liaison between the WFO and the division of CIA, which releases OSS files: "The following information is classified as Secret - it may or may not have significance to your investigation. Subject was assigned to OSS and while so assigned, he headed a mission to Marshal Tito, and it is reported 'Marshal Tito obviously holds Tito in very high regard and is always accessible to him.' Our records disclose a rumor to the effect that subject is an 'excessive drinker' the basis of this information is not indicated."

[redacted] was questioned by the writer as to where this information was obtained and stated that this came from a highly confidential administrative report maintained by the OSS, which is not available to the FBI, just as many FBI reports are not available to other agencies. He stated he had reviewed this confidential administrative report and had furnished the pertinent information as set out above but the file could not be reviewed by an FBI Agent.

The above information furnished by [redacted] was not included in the report as the source was not determined. This circumstance is being brought to the attention of the Bureau in an effort to explain the OSS check set out in the LGE report.

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Re Norfolk teletype May 25 last advising names of other individuals on US - USSR joint commission with THAYER.

New York has been asked previously to interview  Others mentioned in Norfolk teletype not being interviewed because of short employment by THAYER with the Commission, which it is believed has been adequately covered.

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of State**

Washington, D.C.  
May 27, 1949

**CHARLES WHEELER THAYER**  
Chief, International Broadcasting Division  
United States Department of State  
New York, New York  
**LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES**

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Washington Field teletype to Bureau and Knoxville dated 5/19/49;  
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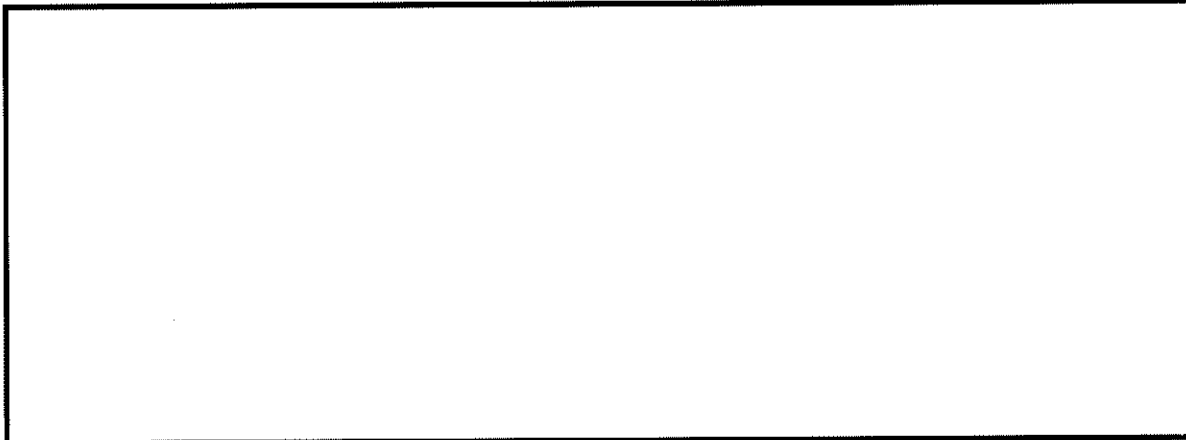
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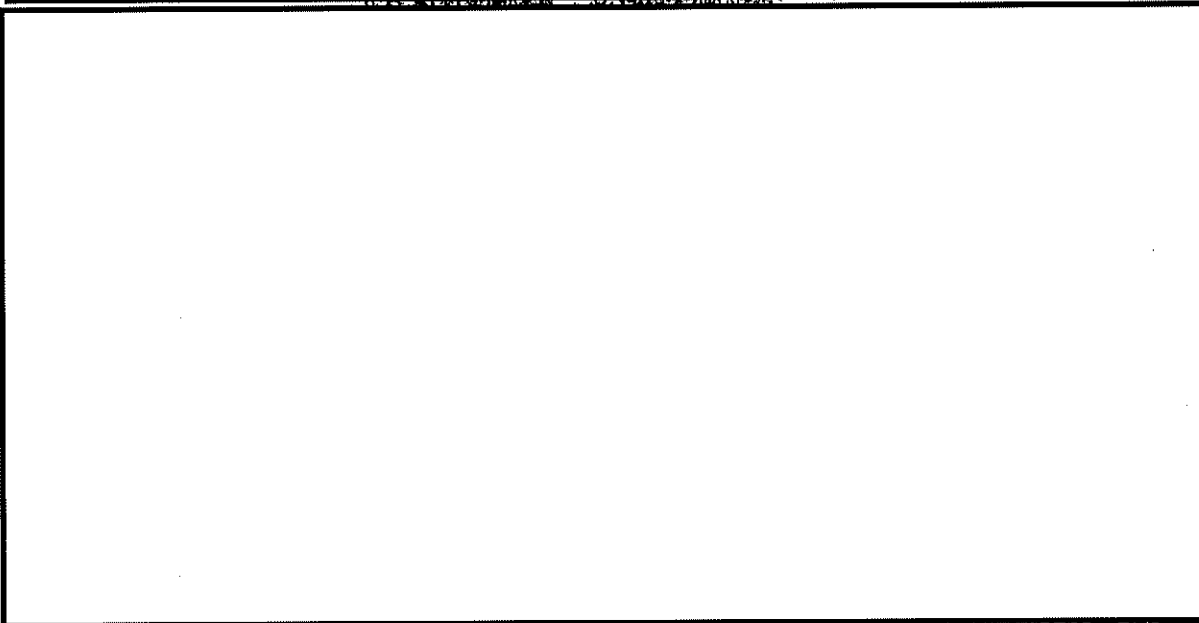
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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS**

[redacted] in signed statement advised that THAYER collaborated with Yugoslav Communist leaders including General TITO and Soviet officials in 1945 when he was head of the Office of Strategic Service Military Mission. The Office of Strategic Service Mission which THAYER headed discriminated against United States citizens who were anti-Communist. THAYER reported to have engaged in black-market activities. [redacted] in signed statement set out that the Office of Strategic Service Mission which THAYER headed discriminated against him when it learned he was against the Yugoslav Communist Government. THAYER is unknown to [redacted]

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Chief  
International Broadcasting Division  
United States Department of State  
New York, New York  
LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

May 25, 1949  
Los Angeles, California

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On May 23, 1949, [redacted]  
[redacted] California, who is a businessman in Los Angeles, was interviewed  
and submitted the following signed statement;

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"Los Angeles, California  
"May 23, 1949

[redacted] make the following voluntary statement to [redacted]  
[redacted] who has identified himself to me as a Special  
Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

"In 1945, March to be exact, [redacted]

As

I climbed out of the airplane Lieutenant Colonel CHARLES  
THAYER came out to me and to my companions and after some  
preliminary questioning, told us with an authoritative voice  
that it would be up to us to establish a friendly relationship  
between the Yugoslav Government and that of the United States.  
He also indicated that if there were any questions or  
instructions that we wanted, he would be the man who would  
supply them. Actually, Colonel THAYER had no business to  
contact us nor to interrogate us as he was, at that time,  
Chief of the O.S.S. (Military Mission to Yugoslavia) and we  
of the State Department, members of the Embassy, were  
replacing that military mission.

"To my best knowledge, Colonel THAYER stayed in Yugoslavia  
from two to three months after the Embassy's arrival. About  
a week after I began my work in the Embassy, an American  
citizen, who lived in Yugoslavia all during the occupation,  
told me that when he went over to the O.S.S. Mission, which

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was headed by Colonel THAYER, in the month of November, 1944, and asked for some economic help, Colonel THAYER's staff questioned him concerning his political beliefs. This American was very critical of the Communists as well as the Nazis; criticized, extensively, Marshal TITO and the partisan movement and the intervention of the Soviet Government in Yugoslavia. This American citizen was given a quick brush-off by the O.S.S. Mission and he received no economic help. After this incident I did some investigating and found more than six cases where similar situations occurred. In short, members of the Military Mission, whose duty was to help the stranded Americans, refused to help them in every case where the stranded Americans were critical of the Communist regime in Yugoslavia. All this was done with Col. THAYER's knowledge and approval.

"About three weeks after my arrival in Yugoslavia I questioned Col. THAYER about his Mission's refusal to help the needy Americans and he dismissed the whole thing with a statement, 'Oh, they were nothing but Nazi collaborators.' That, of course, was a complete lie because most of those people I learned to know well, personally, and had plenty of time in my subsequent residence in Yugoslavia to investigate their behavior during the German occupation.

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"About the same time, I was checking an economic report written by [redacted]

[redacted] All three were members of the O.S.S. Mission headed by Col. THAYER. The report I examined was a statement of damage done to an American power plant located in the city of Novi Sad. This report indicated that the damage was 100 per cent destruction. About a week later, [redacted]

[redacted] we came to a conclusion that the plant was only 50 per cent destroyed, or perhaps 60. The report was written and it should be on record with the State Department. This should clearly indicate that the Mission had the desire to donate property to the Yugoslav Government because it was the American bombers that destroyed that plant. Actually, the American owners in the United States could still claim half the property because subsequently the Yugoslav Government took over all American properties in Yugoslavia, and, as I understand, later paid for confiscated properties.

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"I brought this falsified report to the attention of Col. THAYER and I asked him why was it that the men were diminishing the Communist control over the economy of Yugoslavia and exaggerated damages done to American properties? Col. THAYER refused to discuss the situation by stating that he had full confidence in his men. It became apparent, after a while, that O.S.S. Mission under Col. THAYER's control, was doing everything possible to help the Communist cause and interfere with all those who attempted either to protect American interests, or who were anti-Communists.

"After several encounters with Col. THAYER I began to keep an eye on him and found that at all social functions he was extremely fond of being with the Soviet officials and it also became apparent that he made many social calls upon Yugoslav top Commissars and ranking Soviet military officials. I say social calls because the function of the Military Mission ceased and it was handled by the State Department; yet, Col. THAYER kept on meeting with the ranking Communist officials.

"I was present at gatherings where political economic discussions took place, at which Col. THAYER also expressed himself as a good Party-liner. His usual comments were, 'Let's not be so hard on TITO. After all look at the difficulty he has had with the Nazis and perhaps he is justified in being a little bit tough on his people.' Or such a remark as, 'So what if he did confiscate the American properties.' After all, the Americans were using the poor, unfortunate people of Yugoslavia for their selfish interests.' Or he would say, 'Don't be a tool of Wall Street.' In my some dozen talks with Col. THAYER, not on a single occasion did he ever criticize the methods used by the Communists, be they of Russian or Yugoslavian origin.

"A month after our arrival in Yugoslavia, the Yugoslav Government was attempting to re-establish a new rate for the American dollar. This negotiation should have been handled by the Embassy; however, CHARLIE THAYER jumped the gun without any authorization from our Ambassador, went over to the Yugoslav Foreign Office and agreed on a very unrealistic rate. True, this agreement was not made in writing; however, the Yugoslav Government never made any changes. As a result, the American dollar was pegged

at 50 dinners, where it should have actually been set somewhere around 300, with a sliding scale. Ever since that time the United States Government has been forced to pay a higher living allowance to their employees in order to make up the high living due to low exchange rate which was set by the Yugoslav Government on the basis of original discussions with CHARLES THAYER. Through this arrangement, which he set up without authority, it has cost the United States Government no less than \$1,000,000, and I am prepared to write an economic analysis and prove how I arrived at this \$1,000,000 figure.

\*About a month or so later, Col. THAYER was transferred to Vienna as the Chief of the U.S. Mission in Austria.

"Shortly after my conversation with Mr. BICHINICH, we at the Embassy learned that Col. THAYER was coming for an unofficial visit from Vienna. We were all surprised because as a rule even Americans on official business had difficulty entering Yugoslavia. When Col. THAYER arrived, an excellent source informed me that he first went into the Yugoslav Foreign Office where he had a one-hour discussion with Deputy Foreign Minister for Yugoslavia. Later on he had a visit with Marshal TITO; then came to the American Embassy; then he saw some Soviet top officials and I believe that day or the next day, at a party, Col. THAYER came up to me and said, 'What's the idea, [redacted] interfering with a loan to Yugoslavia?' I asked him how was it that he knew about it and he said, 'Never mind that. Why don't you help these poor people? They need American dollars.' Col. THAYER's voice was very friendly, with the exception

that he was very insistent on U.S. giving Yugoslavia a loan. I told him the whole story of my conversation with Mr. BICHINICH and that I still felt that Yugoslav behavior didn't warrant a loan from the United States. There, THAYER again attempted to justify the behavior of TITO's Communist regime and slightly threatened me; however, when I accused him of the threat, he quickly said that I misunderstood him. The best recollection I have now is that our conversation lasted about a half hour and during that time the whole thesis was that we should give the Yugoslavian Government a loan, notwithstanding the fact that the Yugoslavian Government failed in all of its obligations to the United States.

"I am also aware, beyond any doubt, Col. THAYER, after our conversation, again paid a visit to the Yugoslav Foreign Office, where he repeated our conversation.

"It should be noted that CHARLES THAYER, when head of the U.S.S. Mission in Yugoslavia, was friendly with, and allowed [redacted] a well-known Party-liner, a run of the Mission and, in fact, [redacted] gave him orders as to which Americans should be given aid. THAYER would follow [redacted] advice

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"While I was in Yugoslavia, it also became apparent to me that on many occasions THAYER gave American gasoline, food supplies, ammunition, tires and other equipment to the officials of the Yugoslavian Government and the Soviet Military Mission, without pay. All these presents were uncalled for. Actually, Col. THAYER had no authorization from anyone to give those goods to the Yugoslavian Government. I am not speaking of the goods that were authorized as a part of Lend Lease. These were personal favors to the ranking officials of the Yugoslav Government and the Soviet Military Mission. My personal feeling is that Colonel THAYER was always ready and willing to serve the Communist officials, and his whole behavior was in the interests of their success. I, just as strongly, feel that his behavior in Yugoslavia was very detrimental to the American cause, and in addition the fact that he collaborated with Communist high-ranking officials and Soviet officials has convinced me that he is not a good security risk.

"CHARLES THAYER, in my opinion, is not a good security risk because of his collaboration with top Communist officials in Yugoslavia and with Soviet officials, as has been related above. I further feel that he is not a good security risk because when he was in Yugoslavia, he and his Mission engaged in black market activities.

"Towards the end of 1945, certain members of the Military Attache's Office of the American Embassy, were engaged in the black market operations. Our Ambassador, RICHARD C. PATTERSON, asked me to investigate the extent and detail of the operations. During my thorough investigation, I uncovered the complete operation of two persons connected with the American Embassy, and at the same time, I found out that several months before, while Colonel THAYER and his Mission were still in Yugoslavia, that they were operating in the black market. I am not in a position to state that every member of that Mission was involved; however, I can state that Colonel THAYER, personally, was buying diamonds and other precious stones and cameras which were being sent for re-sale into Italy and, in some cases, into Cairo, where three to five-fold profit was achieved. I also became aware that Colonel THAYER sometimes directly, and sometimes through some of his henchmen, was purchasing American securities by paying 10 cents on the dollar. It also became apparent to me that unlimited amount of American food supplies, clothing and medical supplies were being sold by the American Military Mission to the populace of Yugoslavia. Most of these sales were made, not for the Yugoslav paper currency, but for the 20-frank gold pieces (gold Napoleons). I have probably talked, personally, to 50 people who gave me detailed information concerning Americans of the Military Mission, under CHARLIE THAYER's command and CHARLIE THAYER, himself, information dealing with their black market operations. One of Colonel THAYER's men admitted to me that he, personally, made \$3,600 in the black market on food and clothing and automobile parts, and he was only an enlisted man. After careful study of the black market operations in Yugoslavia by the American Military Mission, I have come to a conclusion that a minimum of one-half million dollars was made by Colonel THAYER and members of his Mission, those men who engaged in black market operations.



"My personal acquaintance and knowledge with CHARLES THAYER also based upon investigation, has revealed that CHARLES THAYER collaborated with top Yugoslav Communist Government officials, collaborated with Soviet officials, and engaged in black marketeering while he was in Yugoslavia. In view of these facts, there is no doubt in my mind that CHARLES THAYER is a bad security risk and is entitled to no position of trust or confidence with the United States Government. b7D

"I am willing to testify before the loyalty hearing board. Per State

"I have read the above seven and three-quarters pages of my statement, have made several corrections and placed my initials at the bottom of each page and find it to be true to the best of my knowledge and voluntarily sign this the last page. 121 17249 21

"S/ [redacted]  
"Witness [redacted] - Special Agent, FBI - Los Angeles"

The above statement was dictated by [redacted] He stated that the information set out in his signed statement was based upon his own investigation and information obtained from reliable, confidential informants whose identities he would not reveal. He stated that he would not reveal the identities of his informants because in the past he has done this and some of his confidential informants who gave him information concerning Yugoslav Communist Government and those who collaborated with the Yugoslav Communist Government, have since been executed.

Insert → On May 23, 1949, [redacted] a United States citizen of Yugoslav descent who spent many years of his life in Yugoslavia until after the termination of World War II, was interviewed and submitted the following signed statement: b7C b7D

[redacted]  
"Los Angeles County, Calif.  
"May 23, 1949

"I, [redacted]  
Los Angeles County, California make the following  
voluntary statement to [redacted] who has identified  
himself to me as a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of  
Investigation.

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During instant interview [redacted] voluntarily advised  
that Thayer [redacted]

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Los Angeles County, Calif.  
May 25, 1949

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Los Angeles County, California make the following  
voluntary statement to [REDACTED] who has identified  
himself to me as a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of  
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"In early 1945 I went to the O.S.S. Mission in Belgrade, Yugoslavia for a job as I am an American citizen; also I wanted protection until I could get out of the country. The Mission was under the leadership of Charles W. Thayer. I talked with Michel Petrovich and Lt. Miner who worked under Thayer. They quizzed me as to my political affiliation, and when I told them I was against the Communists, they told me they could not help me.

"After I started working for U.S. Embassy in Belgrade, I saw a cablegram sent to O.S.S. Mission telling them to help me, and to assist me to get out of the country. Actually they refused to do anything for me in spite of these instructions. I never had but a few brief conversations with THAYER, which consisted primarily of salutations.

[redacted] read the preceding page and a quarter of my statement and have initialed the correction by placing my initials on the bottom of page one, and I acknowledge this statement to be true in fact and detail to the best of my knowledge. I am willing to testify before a Loyalty Hearing Board in the event of my health permits me to do so.

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"S/s [redacted]

"Witness [redacted]

"Special Agent, FBI, Los Angeles, Calif."

On May 25, 1949,

[redacted] were interviewed and advised that they resided in Belgrade, Yugoslavia, from 1921 to 1946. However, CHARLES THAYER was unknown to them and they knew nothing concerning the Office of Strategic Service Military Mission in Yugoslavia.

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[redacted] when interviewed on May 23, 1949, advised further concerning CHARLES THAYER. [redacted] stated that THAYER when in Yugoslavia had the reputation of being a homosexual and it was common knowledge that he was friendly with Chief Petty Officer [redacted] (phonetic), United States Navy, who was also considered to be a homosexual by those in the State Department who knew him.

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It should be noted that at the request of [redacted] he was given a copy of the signed statement which he executed for this office.

[redacted] were interviewed by Special Agent [redacted]

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**CHARLES WHEELER THAYER  
Chief  
International Broadcasting Division  
United States Department of State  
New York, New York  
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**Report of Special Agent**

**Dated: May 25, 1949, at  
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CHARLES WHEELER THAYER

Chief

International Broadcasting Division

U. S. Department of State

New York, New York

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Burlist May 9, 1949, containing information furnished by [redacted] concerning the employee, who is in charge of the Voice of America Program of the State Department in New York City. According to referenced letter, [redacted] accused Thayer of blackmarketing, being sympathetic to Communists in Yugoslavia, and failing to assist Americans in Yugoslavia. He also claimed to have personal knowledge of these statements and stated that Thayer is considered to be a homosexual by many people. He knows that Thayer was blackmarketing in Yugoslavia by buying diamonds and cameras for a very low price and selling them in Cairo, Egypt, through Italy realizing huge profits from them. [redacted] also accuses him of selling foodstuffs to local Yugoslavians, which food was supposed to be distributed by Thayer as a member of the American Military Mission. He also accused Thayer of approving erroneous economic reports made by members of his (Thayer's) own military mission, these reports indicating that American installations had been completely destroyed by American and British bombing and thereafter were completely worthless, whereas, in fact these plants were not completely worthless and in many instances could be placed into operation without too much repair.

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For your information, a full field loyalty investigation was initiated on April 29, 1949 by the Bureau with the dead line of May 27 being set. The field was cautioned at that time that this case should be assigned to Agents experienced in handling security and loyalty investigations and that the interviews conducted must be discreet in order to avoid any criticism of the Bureau by Thayer, as past experience has indicated, Thayer's feelings concerning the administration and the operation of the Bureau. The basis for instant loyalty investigation was Thayer's close association with [redacted] of New York who is of Russian extraction and who has served as the member for various officials of Russian agencies in the United States, such as the New York Consulate, Antorg, etc., his support of the Communist element in 1933 while stationed in Bari, Italy, and his alleged pro-Soviet sympathies.

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In light of the information contained in referenced letter, you are instructed to reinterview [redacted] and to endeavor to obtain a signed statement from him and to ascertain if he is willing to testify before a Loyalty Hearing Board. You should also interview [redacted] who, according to [redacted] can furnish information regarding Thayer's failure to help Americans in Yugoslavia because of their being anti-Communist.

The Knoxville Office is instructed to interview [redacted] Tennessee, who was [redacted] has been designated by [redacted] as being an individual who would furnish substantially the same information concerning Thayer that he [redacted] has furnished.

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The New York Office is instructed to interview [redacted] New York, formerly assigned to the United States Embassy in Belgrade. [redacted] likewise has been designated by [redacted] as being able to furnish information substantiating his allegations concerning Thayer.

As indicated previously, Thayer has been reported as being a homosexual. If, during your investigation information concerning this fact is voluntarily furnished, same should be incorporated into the report but no effort should be made to solicit this type of information. Likewise, any other information of a derogatory nature should be reported.

You are instructed to give this matter expeditious attention and to submit reports to reach the Bureau on or before May 31, 1949.

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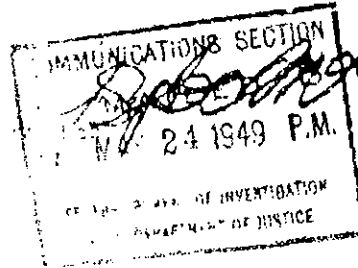
Mr. Samuel D. Boykin  
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From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: CHARLES WHEELER TRAYER  
Chief  
International Broadcasting Division  
U. S. Department of State  
New York, New York  
LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

Reference is made to my letter dated April 29, 1949,  
captioned as above, requesting that your Department conduct the  
necessary investigation concerning the employee in countries where  
he has been assigned by the Foreign Service of the State Department.

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CHARLES WHEELER THAYER  
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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

who had served with the O.S.S. during World War II, advised that he has known the employee since the fall of 1944 and had no reason to question employee's loyalty.

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CHARLES WHEELER THAYER  
Chief, Division of International Broadcasting  
Department of State  
New York, New York

LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

May 26, 1949  
Cleveland, Ohio

RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION

[REDACTED]  
Toledo, Ohio, advised that he has been acquainted with the employee since the fall of 1944 while serving with the Office of Strategic Services. [REDACTED] stated that he had no reason to question the loyalty of the employee and highly recommended him.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
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Re: CHARLES WHEELER THAYER  
Chief, Division of International Broadcasting  
Department of State  
New York, New York

LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

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Report of: Special Agent [redacted]  
Dated: May 26, 1949, at Cleveland, Ohio

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[REDACTED]

CHARLES THAYER who was then + head of the VOA. [REDACTED] became friendly with [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] stated that although THAYER has denied being pro-Soviet, he considered that THAYER actually is pro-Soviet. He stated that the only other possibility would be that THAYER'S assistants are pro-Soviet and deluding THAYER. He stated, however, that in his opinion, THAYER is shrewd enough so that no one would be "pulling the wool over his eyes".

[REDACTED]

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The above information is submitted for the completion of the Bureau files. The Bureau's attention is directed to the fact that the New York Office and the Washington Field Office conducted considerable investigation concerning CHARLES WHEELER THAYER both from a security standpoint and in connection with the Loyalty of Government Employees program. No action is being taken by the New York Office in connection with the information furnished by [REDACTED] as set forth above.

Very truly yours,

EDWARD SCHEIDT,  
Special Agent in Charge

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. LADD

FROM : H. B. FLETCHER

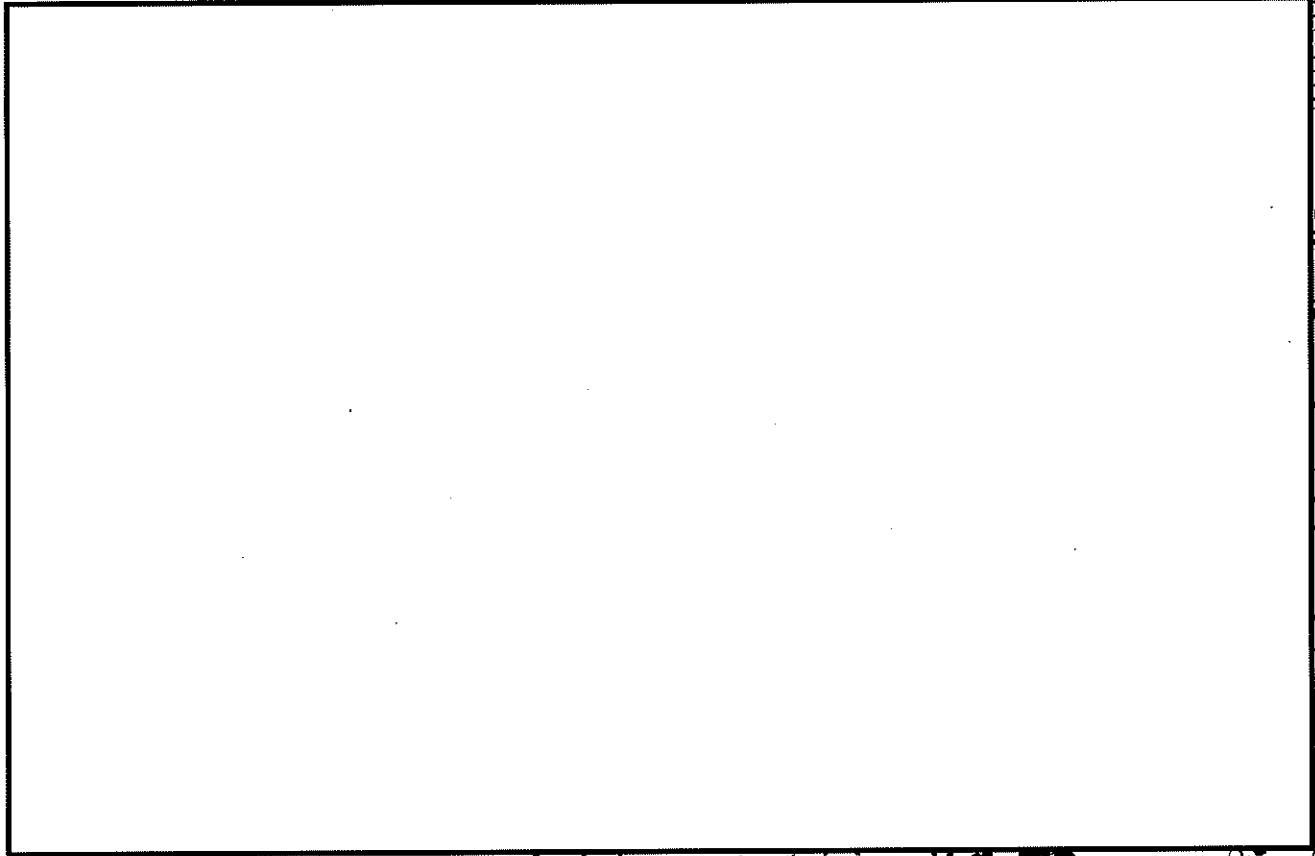
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SUBJECT

CHARLES WHEELER THAYER  
Foreign Service Officer, U.S. Department of State,  
Washington, D. C.  
LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

Referral/Direct

Mr. Tolson  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Glavin  
Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Tracy  
Mr. Egan  
Mr. Gurnea  
Mr. Harbo



There is attached a copy of a letter received by the Bureau from the New York Office dated July 26, 1949, which sets forth [redacted]

The attached letter sets forth substantially the same information as was supplied to the State Department. [redacted]

**RECOMMENDATION:** In view of the vital interest of the State Department in the operation of the Voice of America program, it is believed that we should at least [redacted]

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LADD

[redacted]  
[redacted] If you approve, appropriate instructions will be given to the New York Office to [redacted]  
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The Liaison Section should be informed of our decision in this matter so that Mr. Boykin, of the State Department, can be informed.

Well I will go along with it but I don't like idea of butting our informants on the spot & screw less for the State Dept.

James  
JL

H.

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Date: August 10, 1949

To: Mr. Jack D. Seal  
Associate Chief  
Division of Security  
Department of State  
515 22nd Street, Northwest  
Washington, D. C.

From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: CHARLES WHEELER TRAYER  
Foreign Service Officer  
U. S. Department of State  
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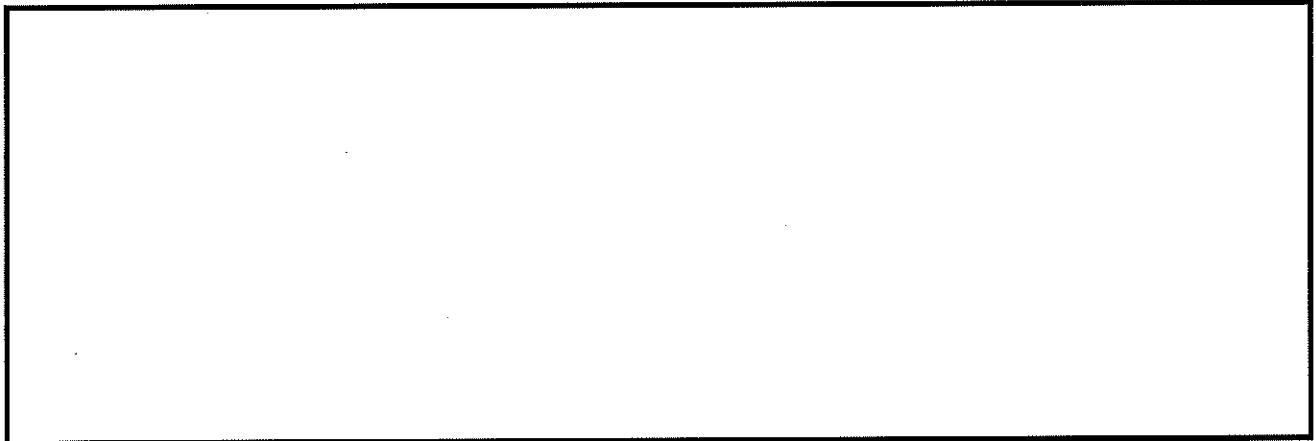
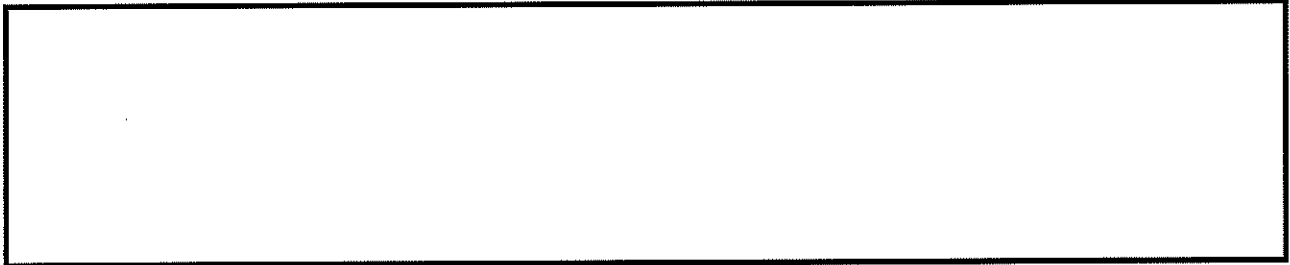
By letter dated June 21, 1949, copies of the investigative reports prepared by this Bureau concerning the captioned individual reflecting the results of the investigation conducted under the provisions of Executive Order 9835 were transmitted to the Civil Service Commission for referral to the State Department Loyalty Board.

cc - Mr. James E. Hatcher  
Chief, Investigations Division  
U. S. Civil Service Commission  
Washington 25, D. C.

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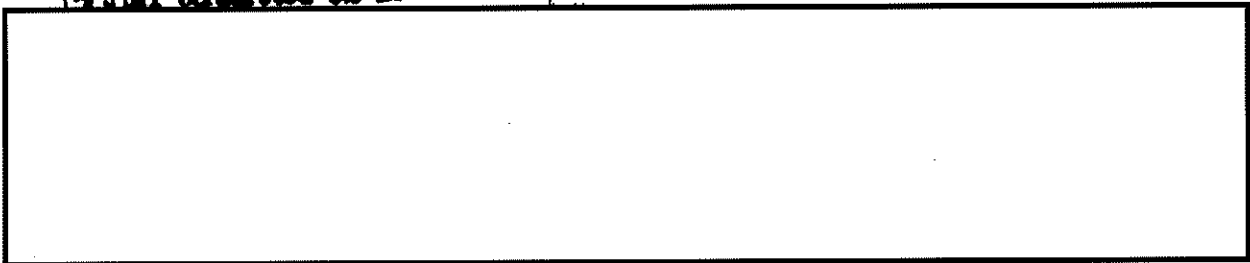
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The "Daily Worker" is an East Coast Communist publication. The "Liberated Press," mentioned above, was cited as a Communist front by the Special Committee on Un-American Activities on March 29, 1944.



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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

September 13, 1949

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: CHARLES WHEELER THAYER  
 Foreign Service Officer,  
 U. S. Department of State  
 Washington, D. C.  
 LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

KRILL MIKAILOVICH ALEXEEV  
 INTERNAL SECURITY - R

Re Bureau letter dated August 31, 1949, requesting this Office to contact [redacted] in order to ascertain if he would be willing to talk to an Assistant Secretary of State concerning information furnished this Office in the operation of the Voice of America Program.

[redacted] was contacted and he advised that he would be very willing to talk to any representative of the United States Government. He advised that his wife is very ill with tuberculosis at the present time, and his physicians do not believe that she will live very long.

He further stated that he is without work at the present time and therefore is in dire financial need. In view of this fact, he stated he cannot incur any traveling expenses if representatives of the Government desire he go outside the City of New York.

[redacted]

*Give info to Bogkin, State,  
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Date: September 16, 1949

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To: Mr. James E. Hatcher  
Chief, Investigations Division  
U. S. Civil Service Commission  
Washington, D. C.

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From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: CHARLES WHEELER THAYER  
Chief  
International Broadcasting Division  
U. S. Department of State  
New York, New York  
LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

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By letter dated June 21, 1949, copies of the investigative reports prepared by this Bureau concerning the above-captioned individual reflecting the results of the investigation conducted under the provisions of Executive Order 9835, were transmitted to your service. At that time you were advised that the State Department and the Department of the Army had been requested to conduct investigation outside the continental limits of the United States.

At this time I am transmitting herewith four copies of a communication dated July 14, 1949, from the American Embassy at Kabul, Afghanistan.

The State Department advises that a report of investigation in England will be forwarded upon receipt.

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# Office Memorandum • ~~SECRET~~ UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. H. B. Fletcher *HBF*FROM : V. P. Keay *VPK*

DATE: September 6, 1949

SUBJECT: CHARLES WHEELER THAYER  
LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE *W. Wallace*

Mr. Tolson	✓
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[redacted] of CIA has requested that the Bureau furnish to him copies of the loyalty investigation on Thayer. You will recall that Thayer was Chief of the Voice of America Program with the Department of State.

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The Bureau's investigation reflected that Thayer collaborated with Yugoslav Communist leaders in 1945, while head of the OSS military mission. This investigation also reflected that Thayer was a homosexual.

[redacted] advised that Thayer was leaving the State Department, and it was [redacted] belief that he would be offered a top job with CIA. In order to preclude any such move, [redacted] wanted to review the loyalty investigation and prepare a memorandum for top level review concerning Thayer's past activities. [redacted] stated he would return the reports to the Bureau after reviewing them.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the attached copies of the loyalty investigation be transmitted by liaison to [redacted] for review and then returned to the Bureau's files.

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Date: November 9, 1949

To: Mr. James E. Hatcher  
Chief, Investigations Division  
U. S. Civil Service Commission  
Washington, D. C.

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From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: CHARLES WHEELER THAYER  
Chief, International Broadcasting Division  
U. S. Department of State  
New York, New York  
LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

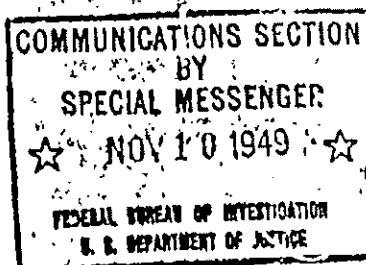
Reference is made to my letter dated September 16, 1949, transmitting copies of a communication received from the American Embassy at Kabul, Afghanistan. At that time you were advised that the State Department was conducting an investigation in England and that a report would be submitted at a later date.

At this time I am transmitting herewith four copies of a report dated October 13, 1949, received from the American Embassy at London, England.

As you were previously advised the Department of the Army has been requested to conduct an investigation in Occupied Europe, the results of which will be forwarded upon receipt.

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Date: November 10, 1949

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To: Director of Intelligence  
General Staff  
Department of the Army  
The Pentagon  
Washington, D. C.

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Attention: Chief, Security and Training Group

From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: CHARLES WHEELER THAYER  
Chief, International Broadcasting Division  
U. S. Department of State  
New York, New York  
LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

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Reference is made to my letter dated April 29, 1949, captioned as above, requesting your Department to conduct the appropriate investigation in Hamburg, Germany, and Seoul, Korea, concerning Thayer.

By letter dated June 24, 1949, you advised that the CIC Detachment in Korea had been deactivated and that no investigation would therefore be conducted in Korea. Further, that the results of the investigation in Europe would be forwarded upon receipt.

To date the results of the investigation conducted by your Department in Europe have not been received and it would therefore be appreciated if you could make this information available in the near future so that our joint responsibilities under the President's Loyalty Program may be fulfilled.

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CONFIDENTIAL  
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DATE: January 6, 1950

TO: Director of Intelligence  
General Staff  
Department of the Army  
The Pentagon  
Washington 25, D. C.      Attention: Chief, Security and Training Group

FROM: J. Edgar Hoover, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

SUBJECT: CHARLES WHEELER THAYER  
Chief  
International Broadcasting Division  
Department of State  
New York, New York  
LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

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Reference is made to my letter dated November 10, 1949, captioned as above requesting that your department make available the results of the investigation being conducted in Europe concerning Thayer.

To date the results of this investigation have not been received and it would therefore be appreciated if you could make this information available in the near future.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : The Director

FROM : Mr. D. M. Ladd

SUBJECT: CHARLES WHEELER THAYER  
 Chief  
 International Broadcasting Division  
 U. S. Department of State  
 New York, New York  
 LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

DATE February 28, 1950

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. E. A. Tamm	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Gurnea	
Mr. Harbo	
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PURPOSE: Re: S. 11401 29003612/12/12

To respond to your inquiry regarding the loyalty investigation of Charles Wheeler Thayer as to whether the information concerning Thayer being the father of an illegitimate child was disseminated in the loyalty reports and to clarify a question raised as to whether Thayer was in contact with a Soviet official.

BACKGROUND:

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You will recall by memorandum dated February 23, 1950, I furnished you a summary of information developed during the loyalty investigation of Thayer, and two questions occurred to you (1. Whether we had disseminated the information concerning Thayer being the father of an illegitimate child, and 2. Whether Thayer had been in contact with a Soviet official).

Concerning the information that Thayer was the father of an illegitimate child, you may recall that by memorandum dated April 27, 1949, you were furnished with a summary of the information developed during the Security Matter - C investigation on Thayer, which was conducted immediately prior to the institution of the Loyalty of Government Employees investigation. During the security investigation one of the points developed was the fact that Thayer is the father of an illegitimate child born to [redacted] an employee of the Voice of America Program in New York City. Further, that Thayer was a patient of Doctor [redacted]

This information was obtained from [redacted]

[redacted] of the Department of State. As was pointed out in this memorandum, [redacted] identity must be protected by all means in view of the fact that his making the information available places his position with the State Department in jeopardy and would ruin an excellent source of information for the Washington Field Office. My memorandum of April 27, 1949, contained a

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recommendation that the "Security Matter -C" report of the Washington Field Office containing the information in question not be disseminated for the reasons (1) dissemination would jeopardize the Bureau's valuable contact in Mr. [redacted] and (2) the Administrative Division of the State Department already possesses the information and such information has not been suppressed.

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As you are aware, it has been the policy during the Loyalty of Government Employees Program to include information concerning person's morals in loyalty reports only if volunteered by witnesses interviewed during the loyalty investigation. During the loyalty investigation of Thayer, considerable information bearing on Thayer's homosexuality was volunteered by witnesses who were interviewed regarding his loyalty and since this information was volunteered it was included in the reports that were disseminated. However, regarding the information concerning Thayer being the father of an illegitimate child, no information was volunteered along these lines by witnesses interviewed during the loyalty investigation and actually this information was given to the Bureau on a very confidential basis by [redacted] as noted above.

Due to the fact that this information was furnished to us confidentially and was already in the possession of the State Department, it was not included in the loyalty reports which were disseminated to the Civil Service Commission and the State Department. ✓

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With regard to your second inquiry as to Thayer being in contact with a Soviet official, a review of the loyalty reports reflects that during the interview with [redacted] stated that he had noticed that Thayer, while in Yugoslavia at social functions, was extremely fond of being with un-named Soviet officials and it became apparent to [redacted] that Thayer made many social calls upon Yugoslav top Commissars and ranking Soviet military officials. Also in this connection, [redacted] advised during the loyalty investigation that he had become intimately acquainted with Thayer because they were both members of the US-USSR Joint Commission for Korea. [redacted] advised that because of Thayer's employment with this Commission he had many conferences with a Mr. Tserapkin, the present Director of Charge d'Affaires, Russian Embassy, Washington, D. C. [redacted] however, stated that during the negotiations between Thayer and Mr. Tserapkin, their arguments and attitudes would be antagonistic.

It may also be pointed out in this regard that Thayer enjoyed a patient-doctor relationship with [redacted] who, as described above, has been utilized by various Russian Government agencies in New York City.

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Nothing was developed during the Security or Loyalty Investigations of Thayer to indicate that his relationship with [ ] was other than a patient-doctor association, and the principal connection between Thayer and [ ] hinged upon the fact that [ ] was the doctor who delivered Thayer's illegitimate child. In view of this fact, and bearing in mind that the information regarding Thayer being the father of an illegitimate child was furnished to us confidentially, as described above, no information regarding Thayer's connection with [ ] was included in the Loyalty reports.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. This is for your information.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : The Director

FROM : Mr. D. M. Ladd

SUBJECT: CHARLES WHEELER THAYER  
Chief

DATE February 20, 1950

International Broadcasting Division  
United States Department of State  
New York, New York  
LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

PURPOSE:

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To furnish in accordance with your request events in chronological order leading up to the investigation of Thayer under Executive Order 9835, which, you will recall, was signed by President Truman on March 21, 1947, and the funds were appropriated in August, 1947.

BACKGROUND:

On January 26, 1949, Mr. Glavin made available a Joint Report dated January 13, 1949 of the Subcommittee of the Committee on Foreign Relations and Investigations Subcommittee of the Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Department relating to a series of hearings on the activities of the Voice of America. It was noted on page 8 of the report concerning the operations of the International Broadcasting Division, the following comments concerning the Bureau: "This requirement of Public Law 402 that all employees have a FBI investigation understandably resulted in a slowing up of the recruiting and processing of employees....". Mr. Tolson noted "Ladd - what are the facts?" and you requested "Yes let me know. We ought to nail this if it is incorrect. H"

On January 28, 1949, you were advised of the situation concerning the Voice of America Program and it was pointed out that from the very inception of the Voice of America program it had been apparent that the Bureau's position had not met with the approval of Charles W. Thayer, Head of the International Broadcasting Division of the State Department. It was further pointed out that an investigation of Thayer had never been requested, however information relating to Thayer's character was obtained during the Voice of America investigation of [redacted]. The State Department confidentially advised that the State Department had made inquiries of [redacted] concerning her pregnancy and had been told by Thayer himself, that he was the father of [redacted] illegitimate child.

On February 2, 1949, you were advised that Assistant Secretary of State Peurifoy had stated that he did not know why the FBI had not been requested to investigate Thayer but that he would look into the matter.

On February 9, 1949, you were advised that Thayer had never been investigated under the Voice of America Program because the State Department considered him exempt. Further that a Loyalty Form had never been submitted by the State Department for Thayer, but that one would be submitted in the near future. You noted on the above memo "As regards Thayer, proceed with a Security investigation. We have enough without loyalty form receipt to warrant a thorough investigation of him. H."

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On February 18, 1949, a Security Matter-C investigation was initiated.

On March 24, 1949, a Loyalty form was received in Bureau for Charles Wheeler Thayer. It is noted in this connection that the Loyalty program got under way in approximately September 1947, subsequent to appropriation of funds in August 1947.

On April 27, 1949, you were advised that the Security investigation was completed and it was developed that Thayer served with the OSS during World War II and associated with and supported the Communist elements in the OSS. He was allegedly pro-Tito. He is a patient of [redacted] New York City, who served as the doctor for various officials of Russian agencies in the United States such as the Russian Consulate, New York City and Amtorg Trading Corporation. It was also discreetly ascertained that Thayer is undoubtedly a homosexual. This was obtained from a State Department investigator on a very confidential basis. Thayer is the brother-in-law of Charles "Chip" Bohlen, of the State Department. According to a State Department employee, who furnished information on a very confidential basis, Bohlen went to Under Secretary of State Robert Lovett complaining of the State Department investigation of Thayer based on his homosexual proclivities. Lovett allegedly gave instructions to cease the investigation of Thayer. The Security investigation further developed that Thayer was being transferred to a post in the United States Embassy in Greece sometime in August or September 1949. It was suggested that a Loyalty investigation be opened and you noted "Yes. H". b7C

On April 29, 1949, a Loyalty investigation was opened.

On June 21, 1949, the reports reflecting the results of the Loyalty investigation were sent to Civil Service Commission and the Department.

On February 16, 1950, a disposition was received from the Loyalty Review Board, dated February 14, 1950, advising that Thayer had been declared "eligible on loyalty". ✓

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## Office Memorandum

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : The Director

FROM : D. M. Ladd

DATE: February 23, 1950

SUBJECT: CHARLES WHEELER THAYER  
 Chief  
 International Broadcasting Division  
 U. S. Department of State  
 New York, New York  
 LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

## PURPOSE:

Reference is made to my memorandum dated February 20, 1950, captioned, "Employees of the Department of State Concerning Whom the Bureau Conducts Investigations," attaching a memorandum on Thayer. You noted: "I want short summary of results of our investigation of Thayer which we sent to CSC."

## BACKGROUND:

On April 29, 1949 a loyalty investigation was instituted concerning Charles Wheeler Thayer based on information received from Washington [redacted] (Security Division, State Department) indicating that while Thayer was stationed at Belgrade, Yugoslavia, with the Office of Strategic Services he was very friendly with the Russians and exhibited pro-Titoism and opposition to General Mihailovich.

Washington [redacted] advised that he knew Thayer in Belgrade in 1944 and that Thayer was guilty of reporting false information regarding Tito to Washington. He played up Tito and suppressed facts regarding Tito's desire of forming a Balkan Confederacy. Further, the informant advised that Thayer had several Communists on his staff, the names of which informant could not recall.

Belgrade, advised that Thayer publicly showered too much of his attention at various receptions in Belgrade on Tito.

[redacted] at the American Embassy in Belgrade, advised that while Thayer was connected with OSS he had been contacted by American citizens residing in Yugoslavia who requested economic help and who had received the "brush-off" when the American citizens indicated they were critical of the Communists and the intervention of the Soviet Government in Yugoslavia. [redacted] advised he questioned Thayer concerning his refusal to help these Americans and Thayer dismissed the matter with a statement to the effect, "Oh, they are nothing but Nazi collaborators." In addition, [redacted] advised Thayer expressed pro-Tito

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Sentiments in political economic discussions and never once criticized the methods used by the Communists, either Russian or Yugoslav. [redacted] concluded by stating that he did not think Thayer was a good security risk because of his collaboration with the Communists and because of information which he received indicating that Thayer, while in Yugoslavia, engaged in black market operations.

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New York [redacted] recalls one occasion when the employee had been instructed not to hire an individual by the name of [redacted] advised that he

with the VOA Program. Informant advised that he believes that if the employee were faced with the issue as to choosing between the security of the United States and the advancement of his own interests he would be loyal; however, he feared that because of the employee's lack of maturity he might fail to recognize the issue and consequently would harm the United States. However, Thayer employed [redacted] in connection

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[redacted] considers Thayer pro-Soviet, however, because of his dealings concerning the VOA programs.

From a confidential source in the State Department, information was received indicating that Thayer was a homosexual. It will be further noted that Thayer was transferred from his post as head of the International Broadcasting Division (Voice of America) in New York City in August or September, 1949, to accept a post in the United States Embassy in Greece.

On June 21, 1949 the reports reflecting the results of the loyalty investigation were sent to the Civil Service Commission and to the Department.

On February 16, 1950, a disposition was received from the Loyalty Review Board dated February 14, 1950, advising that Thayer had been declared "eligible on loyalty."

RECOMMENDATION:

For information purposes only.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : The Director

FROM : D. M. Ladd *DL*

SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
INVESTIGATION OF PERSONNEL

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DATE 5/10/01 BY 30103elw/jardj

DATE: February 23, 1950

PURPOSE

To advise you, pursuant to your request, concerning the date when the State Department started sending loyalty forms to the Bureau; further, to furnish you with information relative to investigations made by the State Department of its own personnel.

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. E. A. Tamm	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Gurnea	
Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Pennington	
Mr. Quinn Tamm	
Tele. Room	
Mr. Nease	
Miss Holmes	
Miss Gandy	

BACKGROUND

Reference is made to my memorandum dated February 20, 1950, entitled "Employees of the Department of State concerning whom the Bureau conducts investigations," to which was attached a memorandum concerning the receipt of the Loyalty Form on Charles Wheeler Thayer and the chronological order leading up to the investigation of Thayer under Executive Order 9835. You noted;

- "1. This still doesn't tell me when State Dept. started sending Loyalty forms.
- "2. I want short summary of results of our investigation of Thayer which we sent to CSC."

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*Charles Wheeler*

Attached hereto is a summary memorandum dated February 23, 1950, setting forth the results of the Thayer investigation which were transmitted to the Civil Service Commission and to the Department.

Regarding loyalty forms submitted by the Department of State, as you will recall, the Loyalty Order (E. O. 9835) was signed by President Truman on March 21, 1947; however, the allocation of funds for the carrying out of this program was not made until August of 1947. The Bureau started receiving some loyalty forms in September of 1947. According to the Records Section, the first group of loyalty forms received from the State Department was on September 10, 1947, at which time 47 forms were received. Again, on September 15, 1947, 47 more forms were received. Thereafter various amounts of forms were received at intervals, it being noted that on October 21, 1947, the Bureau received 1,120 forms from the Department of State. It is to be noted that such forms are received on employees throughout the world and at the present time we are still receiving loyalty forms from the Department of State, many of which are on Foreign Service personnel. The records indicate we received 47 forms on February 14, 1950, and as you may recall, as of February 20, 1950, we had processed 17,850 names, representing applicants, appointees and employees of the State Department.

With further reference to the Department of State, on my memorandum dated February 18, 1950, which is attached, in connection with a notation by Assistant Director Nichols regarding the State Department making its own applicant investigations, you noted: "What does this mean? Just who does the State Department investigate?"

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For your information, [redacted] in the office of [redacted] at the Department of State has advised the Bureau that the State Department conducts pre-appointment investigations of all applicants for positions in the Department of State, except those applicants coming within the purview of Public Law 402, 80th Congress (Voice of America Program) and cases coming under ECA and Greek-Turkey Aid Programs. As to employees, the State Department advised they only conduct misconduct investigations such as allegations regarding homosexuals and administrative matters where no question of loyalty is involved. Where a question of loyalty enters the picture, [redacted] states they refer the case to the Bureau.

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ACTION

None. This is for your information.

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THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Director, FBI

March 31, 1950

CHARLES W. THAYER  
Department of State  
Loyalty - Government Employee

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL  
BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

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I thought you would be interested in knowing that at the time an official of the Bureau contacted Senator Joseph McCarthy for the purpose of obtaining material which he stated he possessed in connection with his current allegations against the State Department, Senator McCarthy advised that next week he intended to call on the State Department to fire Charles W. Thayer. He stated he did not intend to call Thayer by name, and indicated in his opinion "Thayer is one of the worst types of degenerates."

Senator McCarthy furnished no further information and, of course, the Bureau representative made no comment to Senator McCarthy with reference to this matter.

You will recall that copies of the reports reflecting the results of the loyalty investigation on Mr. Thayer were furnished to the Department on June 21, 1949.

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Mr. Peyton Ford,  
The Assistant to the Attorney General

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Mr. Tolson  
Mr. E. A. Tamm  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Glavin  
Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Tracy  
Mr. Carson  
Mr. Egan  
Mr. Gurnea  
Mr. Harbo  
Mr. Hendon  
Mr. Jones  
Mr. Quinn Tamm  
Mr. Nease  
Miss Gandy

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. D. M. Ladd

FROM : A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: CHARLES W. THAYER  
Department of State  
LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

DATE: April 4, 1950

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Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

PURPOSE:

Clear transmittal Security reports re Thayer to Department in view WFO request not be disseminated.

BACKGROUND:

WFO recommended Security report not be disseminated because confidential manner obtained, might result extreme embarrassment confidential sources, principally [redacted] State Department, who furnished information re Thayer fathering illegitimate child, and possible Per State embarrassment Bureau. Ladd memorandum to Director 4/27/49 recommended no dissemination because jeopardize valuable [redacted] contact and because State Department possessed information. Reports not previously disseminated. [redacted] WFO report. McCarthy stated intended call on State Department this week re Thayer. AG advised 3/31/50. McInerney memorandum 4/3/50 listed Loyalty reports received, asked any others available be furnished expeditiously as possible.

STATUS:

Brief re Thayer in preparation for AG.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approval attached memorandum forwarding reports in view McInerney's specific request. Deliver by hand.

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To: ☒ Director  
☒ Mr. Tolson  
☐ Mr. Clegg  
☐ Mr. Glavin  
☐ Mr. Ladd  
☐ Mr. Nichols  
☐ Mr. Rosen  
☐ Mr. Tracy  
☐ Mr. Harbo  
☐ Mr. Mohr  
☐ Mr. Belmont  
☐ Mr. Hennrich  
☐ Mr. Laughlin  
☐ Mr. Hargett  
☐ Mr. Nease  
☐ Mr. Jones  
☐ Miss Gandy  
☐ Miss Chamberlain

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Please call me Per conversation

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MEMO TO DEPARTMENT

The Attorney General

April 25, 1950

Director, FBI

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

CHARLES WHEELER THAYER  
LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

You will recall that under date of March 31, 1950, I advised you that during conversation with an official of this Bureau, Senator Joseph R. McCarthy had termed Charles Wheeler Thayer "one of the worst types of degenerates" and expressed the intention of calling upon the Department of State to fire Thayer.

The Department of Justice is in possession of copies of all investigative reports submitted during the course of two investigations conducted by this Bureau concerning Thayer during 1949, one a security type investigation and the other a loyalty investigation. However, in view of the statement made by Senator McCarthy, I thought you would be interested in a summary of the information appearing in the Bureau files concerning Thayer. Accordingly, there is forwarded herewith such a summary prepared under date of April 24, 1950.

This summary, you will note, contains allegations unfavorable to the moral conduct of Thayer and several other individuals who are identified therein. It is my belief that dissemination of this information would jeopardize the position of various informants from whom information has been received and result in the embarrassment of other individuals referred to in connection with the allegations. I am, therefore, of the opinion that the material in the attached summary should be held in strict confidence.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

FROM : [REDACTED] Assistant Attorney General

SUBJECT: Charles W. Thayer  
Department of State  
Loyalty of Government Employees

DATE: April 3, 1950

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Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Harbo	
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Mr. Nease	
Miss Gandy	

Reference is made to your memorandum to the Attorney General of March 31, 1950, captioned as above.

A review of reports furnished to the Division of Records indicates that the following reports have been received from the Bureau regarding the subject:

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated May 27, 1949 at Washington, D. C.

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated June 8, 1949 at New York, New York.

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated May 25, 1949 at Los Angeles, California.

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated May 26, 1949 at Norfolk, Virginia.

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated May 26, 1949 at Knoxville, Tennessee.

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated May 26, 1949 at Cleveland, Ohio.

It is requested that if any additional reports are available they be furnished to the Division as expeditiously as possible.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont *AB*  
 FROM : C. H. Stanley  
 SUBJECT: CHARLES WHEELER THAYER  
 LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

DATE April 11, 1950

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In connection with the preparation of a summary on Thayer four specific questions have arisen, the answers to which are desired through Liaison channels:

1. Thayer is reportedly the brother-in-law of Charles E. Bohlen. What is the present position, if any, of Bohlen in the State Department? If not employed, what was the title of his last position?

2. [Redacted]

3. Thayer was formerly married to Maria Petrucci. He has reportedly been engaged to the daughter (name not listed) of Ambassador James C. Dunn. Has he married her?

4. Thayer reportedly sent a message to the State or War Department, approximate date not given, requesting he be allowed to give a decoration to Tito. However, the State and War Departments responded that no such decoration should be given. What are facts, if available, from State Department?

## RECOMMENDATION:

That answers to the above questions be sought immediately through Liaison channels. *The reply on Thayer is being held until these answers*

*answers! - 1. Bohlen is now Minister of the U.S. Embassy in Paris.*

2. [Redacted]

3. *Yes. March 27, 1950*

4. *State can not identify such a matter from the limited information we have given.*

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ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL  
JAMES M. McINERNEY, CRIMINAL DIVISION  
DIRECTOR, FBI

April 4, 1950

CHARLES WHEELER THAYER  
Chief  
International Broadcasting Division  
Department of State  
New York, New York  
LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

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Reference is made to your memorandum dated April 3, 1950 requesting that any additional available reports concerning Thayer not listed in your communication be forwarded as expeditiously as possible.

Attached hereto is a copy of each of the following letters and reports reflecting results of foreign inquiries during the course of investigation of Thayer under the President's Loyalty Program:

Letter dated June 7, 1949 received from American Embassy, Moscow, Russia.  
Report dated June 8, 1949 and letter dated June 10, 1949 received from American Embassy, Mexico City.  
Letter dated June 14, 1949 received from American Embassy, Athens, Greece.  
Letter dated July 11, 1949 received from American Embassy, Belgrade, Yugoslavia.  
Letter dated July 14, 1949 received from American Embassy, Kabul, Afghanistan.  
Report dated October 13, 1949 received from American Embassy, London, England.

In addition there is forwarded herewith a copy of each of the following reports in an investigation entitled "Charles Wheeler Thayer, Security Matter-C":

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated April 1, 1949 at Washington, D. C.

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated April 18, 1949 at New York, New York.

You will note the report of Special Agent [redacted] contains information received from various confidential informants, some of which relates to moral conduct. It is requested that this information be treated in the very strictest confidence.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : The Director

FROM : D. M. Ladd

DATE: April 24, 1950

SUBJECT: CHARLES WHEELER THAYER  
 Chief, International Broadcasting Division  
 Department of State  
 New York, New York  
 LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

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PURPOSE:

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 DATE 5/10/01 BY 37063 elw/jan/dj

To furnish the Attorney General a summary of information in the Bureau's files on Thayer.

BACKGROUND:

Loyalty and security investigations were conducted in 1949 relative to Thayer. Copies of all reports submitted have been furnished to the Department. In the security matter investigation particularly, considerable information was reported concerning the alleged immoral conduct of Thayer. The Attorney General was advised under date of March 31, 1950, that Senator McCarthy had termed Thayer "one of the worst types of degenerates" and expressed the intention of calling upon the State Department to fire Thayer.

STATUS:

In view of this situation and in response to my request, a summary has been prepared in the Loyalty Section of information in the Bureau's files concerning Thayer.

This summary contains allegations of homosexuality on the part of Thayer. In view of this, it is felt desirable to point out to the Attorney General in transmitting this summary, if you approve, that the information contained therein should not be disseminated.

RECOMMENDATION:

That this summary be furnished to the Attorney General by means of the attached memorandum.

It is to be particularly noted that Pages 34 and 35 of the yellow and all tickler copies of this summary contain information which it is felt should not be set forth in the summary itself or otherwise disseminated.

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For your information copies of the reports in the investigation  
entitled "Charles Wheeler Thayer"

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SAC, New York

April 20, 1950

Director, FBI

CHARLES WHEELER THAYER  
STATE  
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Re: p SA [redacted] June 8, 1949, at New York, your file 121-7043, and New York let to the Bureau February 21, 1947, captioned, "American Russian Institute, Internal Security - R, Registration Act," your file 97-210.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE April 26, 1950

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT. CHARLES WHEELER THAYER  
 Chief  
 International Broadcasting Division  
 Department of State  
 New York, New York  
 LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

Rebulet dated April 20, 1950.

Attached herewith are seven copies of the report of SA [redacted]  
 dated April 26, 1950 at New York.

The indices of this office contain no further reference to the  
 matter set forth in the above report.

New York File #97-210, entitled: "AMERICAN RUSSIAN INSTITUTE;  
 INTERNAL SECURITY - R; REGISTRATION ACT," was reviewed for additional  
 information during the pertinent period of 1947; however, no other  
 information was located.

Reference is made to New York letter to the Bureau dated July  
 26, 1949 in the case entitled [redacted]

Inasmuch as it is not known by this office whether or not the  
 Bureau utilized the information pertaining to THAYER, which is contained  
 in this letter, no mention was made of it in the attached report.

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**REFERENCE**

Report of SA [redacted] New York, 6/8/49.  
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CHARLES WHEELER THAYER  
Chief  
International Broadcasting Division  
Department of State  
New York, New York  
LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

2/11/02 39003 dwg/aff April 26, 1950  
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RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION

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The American Russian Institute has been declared  
by the Attorney General to be an organization coming within the purview  
of Executive Order #9835.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT

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The following is the Confidential Informant mentioned in the report  
of SA [redacted] dated [redacted] (u)

Confidential Informant [redacted] [redacted] as set forth in [redacted]  
letter to the Bureau dated [redacted]

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice**

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CHARLES WHEELER THAYER  
Chief  
International Broadcasting Division  
Department of State  
New York, New York  
LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

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Report of: Special Agent [redacted]  
Dated: April 26, 1950, at New York,  
New York.

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This confidential report and its contents are loaned to you by the FBI and are not to be distributed outside of agency to which loaned. This is the result of an FBI investigation and is not to be considered as a clearance.

MAY 5 1950

Assistant Attorney General  
James M. McInerney  
Director, FBI

Attention:

Division of Records

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CHARLES WHEELER THAYER  
Chief  
International Broadcasting Division  
Department of State  
New York, New York  
LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

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Reference is made to my memorandum dated June 21, 1949, transmitting results of an investigation concerning the above-named individual under the provisions of Executive Order 9835.

Forwarded herewith is one copy of the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated April 26, 1950, at New York, New York, setting forth additional information received by this Bureau.

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BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

To: Mr. James E. Hatcher  
Chief, Investigations Division  
U. S. Civil Service Commission  
Washington 25, D. C.

From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: CHARLES WHEELER THAYER  
Chief  
International Broadcasting Division  
Department of State  
New York, New York  
LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

7/2/45 *spk bja/tcy*

Reference is made to my letter dated June 21, 1949, transmitting results of an investigation concerning the above-named individual under the provisions of Executive Order 9835.

Forwarded herewith are four copies of the report of Special Agent   dated April 26, 1950, at New York, New York, setting forth additional information received by this Bureau.

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Please advise this Bureau of the ultimate disposition made of this case.

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BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

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DATE: May 11, 1950

TO: Mr. James E. Hatcher  
Chief, Investigations Division  
U. S. Civil Service Commission  
Washington, D. C.

FROM: J. Edgar Hoover, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

SUBJECT: CHARLES WHEELER THAYER  
Chief, International Broadcasting Division  
Department of State  
New York, New York  
LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

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Reference is made to my letters of June 21, 1949, and May 5, 1950, transmitting the reports which reflect the results of the investigation concerning the above-named individual conducted by this Bureau under the provisions of Executive Order 9835, at which time you were advised that the Department of the Army had been requested to conduct an investigation abroad concerning the employee.

There are attached herewith four copies of a letter dated April 3, 1950, prepared by the Office of the United States High Commissioner for Germany, reflecting the results of the investigation conducted by the Department of the Army. *(u)*

This concludes the investigation to be conducted in this

case.

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CHARLES WHEELER THAYER  
Chief, International Broadcasting Division  
Department of State  
New York, New York  
LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

Reference is made to my memoranda of June 21, 1949, and May 5, 1950, transmitting the reports which reflect the results of the investigation concerning the above-named individual conducted by this Bureau under the provisions of Executive Order 9835, at which time you were advised that the Department of the Army had been requested to conduct an investigation abroad concerning the employee.

There is attached herewith one copy of a letter dated April 3, 1950, prepared by the Office of the United States High Commissioner for Germany, reflecting the results of the investigation conducted by the Department of the Army.

This concludes the investigation to be conducted in this case.

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June 21, 1950

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CHARLES WHEELER THAYER  
Chief  
International Broadcasting Division  
Department of State  
New York, New York  
LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

Transmitted herewith for the completion of your file and for any action you deem appropriate is a copy of a self explanatory letter transmitted to Mr. James E. Hatcher, Chief, Investigations Division, U. S. Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C., dated June 21, 1950, regarding Charles Wheeler Thayer.

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BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

DATE: June 21, 1950

TO: Mr. James E. Hatcher  
Chief, Investigations Division  
U. S. Civil Service Commission  
Washington, D. C.

FROM: J. Edgar Hoover, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

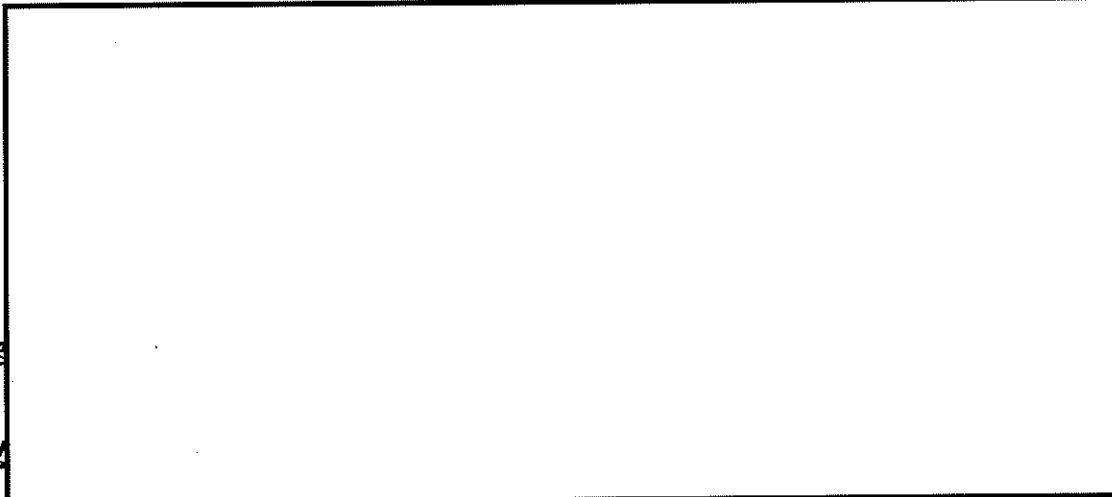
SUBJECT: CHARLES WHEELER THAYER  
Chief, International Broadcasting Division  
Department of State  
New York, New York  
LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

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Reference is made to my letters of June 21, 1949, May 5, 1950, and May 11, 1950, transmitting the results of investigation conducted under the provisions of Executive Order 9835 relative to Charles Wheeler Thayer.

Information has been received that reference was made by Thayer on March 21, 1950, before the subcommittee of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee as follows:



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No action is being taken with regard to the foregoing in the absence of a specific request.

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(Above quoted testimony was in Executive Session. However, dissemination recommended. Quoted from Volume 6, Page 33, Transcript of Testimony of 3/21/50 before above committee, original of which transcript is in office of Mr. Gregg.)

cc: Asst. Attorney General, James M. McInerney - Sent as enclosure for let to McInerney same caption dated 6/21/50.

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TO : D. M. LADD *[initials]*  
 FROM : A. H. BELMONT *[initials]*  
 SUBJECT: CHARLES WHEELER THAYER

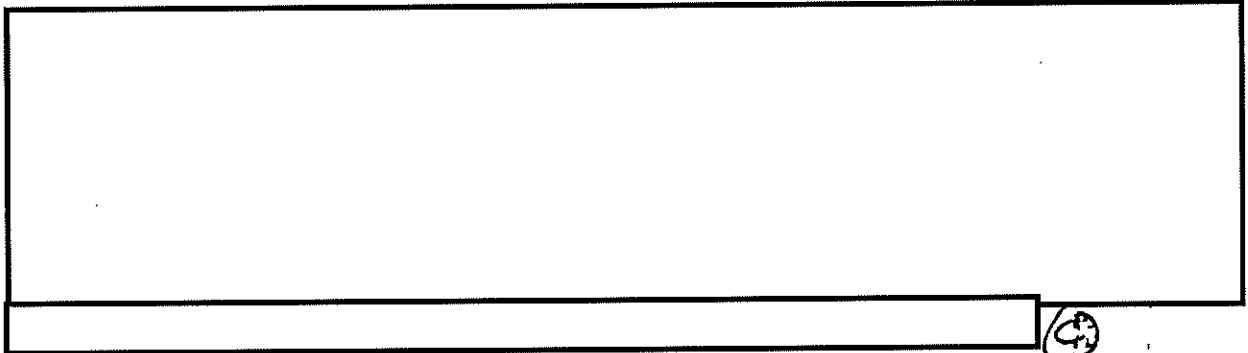
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On March 23, 1953, John Ford, Director of Security Department of State, confidentially advised [redacted] of the Liaison Section that at noon of that date Thayer had submitted his resignation and it was his understanding it would be accepted. He said that in view of the current Congressional hearings, no publicity would be given to Thayer's resignation; that he would be allowed to remain on the rolls for approximately a month, at which time he would leave quietly.

Ford advised that the summary memorandum furnished on Thayer in the recent past was of considerable help to his office in forcing the issue with Thayer and he wanted the Director to know of this.

ACTION:

None. For your information.  
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

FROM : L. B. Nichols

DATE February 24, 1953

SUBJECT VOICE OF AMERICA REQUESTS FROM  
SENATE INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE

William Rogers called me this morning and stated that he had just been reading our memoranda on Charles Wheeler Thayer and particularly a memorandum which we proposed to give to the McCarthy Committee. Rogers stated that he would hate to have Secretary Dulles think that we were feeding material to the Committee without his first being tipped off.

I reminded Rogers that in each instance, pursuant to our agreement, material was sent to him in advance of giving it to the Committee; that, as a matter of fact, the Thayer material had not as yet been given to the Committee. He, therefore, suggested that we hold up on giving the Thayer material to the Committee at this time. He further stated that he had read several of the memoranda which we had sent down, which primarily referred the Committee to public source material, to which there could be no objection, but that in the Thayer case there was considerable investigation by the Bureau; that Thayer was no good; that he believed Dulles would get rid of him in a hurry if he knew about it. I told Rogers that all the derogatory information which we had had heretofore been furnished to the State Department or was available to the State Department from their own investigation.

Rogers then asked the question whether it would not be desirable to furnish Dulles with copies of the memoranda which we had furnished the McCarthy Committee. I told Bill that in arriving at this decision he should consider what the effect would be if a memorandum got out of Dulles' possession and got into the hands of the holdovers at the State Department who were protecting people like Thayer. He stated he thoroughly agreed with this as he had not thought of it and that the thing to do would be to send a memorandum to Dulles furnishing him with the names of the individuals whom we knew the Senate Investigating Committee is checking on as a result of their inquiries to the Bureau. He then asked if we would prepare such a memorandum for his signature. I told him we of course could do this if he desired.

I told Rogers that in the instances wherein we had furnished the Committee no information we were not bothering to write memoranda to him, in line with our previous conversation. He stated that this was perfectly satisfactory. We are, accordingly,

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cc: Mr. Ladd 441

cc: Mr. Belmont 1953

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Memorandum to Mr. Tolson

February 24, 1953

not furnishing the Thayer material to Roy Cohn, Chief Counsel of the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Senate Committee on Government Operations (McCarthy Committee). Should Cohn follow up on this and ask for this later, we will then ask Rogers for his views.

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no. If Cohn asks tell him  
to take it up with Rogers  
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CHARLES WHEELER THAYER

Dear Mr. Thayer:

The Department has reviewed the pertinent facts in the personnel and security files concerning you, and I hereby inform you, under authority delegated to me by the Secretary of State, that it has been concluded that proceedings should be instituted to separate you from the Foreign Service on charges of misconduct pertaining to morality. I believe you are fully aware of the information that has been found in the Department's investigations.

You will of course be entitled to a hearing under Section 638 of the Foreign Service Act, but you may, if you wish, waive this procedure and resign. If you elect to resign, a travel authorization will be sent to you promptly. Please telegraph your decision within 48 hours of receipt of this letter.

Sincerely yours,

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Donald S. Lourie  
Under Secretary for Administration

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Charles W. Thayer, Esquire,  
American Consul General,  
Munich, Germany.

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## Office Memorandum

• UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson ✓

DATE: March 9, 1953

FROM : Mr. Nichols

SUBJECT: CHARLES WHEELER THAYER

With reference to the request of Roy Cohn of Senator McCarthy's committee for information on Charles Wheeler Thayer, I followed up with Mr. Rogers, Deputy Attorney General, on this today. Mr. Rogers stated he had talked to Scott McLeod at the State Department, that Thayer was being fired, as of last week, and that it would be satisfactory to give the memorandum we had prepared to the McCarthy Committee.

This I will handle.

cc: Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Belmont

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. D. M. Ladd

DATE: March 13, 1953

FROM : A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: CHARLES WHEELER THAYER  
AMERICAN CONSUL GENERAL  
MUNICH, GERMANY  
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You will recall the many allegations, principally of morality, against Charles Wheeler Thayer, a Department of State official. Thayer is the brother-in-law of Charles E. Bohlen, Ambassador Designate to Moscow.

You will recall that Assistant to the Director Nichols obtained information recently from the Department of Justice that Thayer had been in fact fired. In this regard Mr. Scott McLeod of the Department of State informed Mr. Roach this morning (3-13-53) that a letter was sent to Thayer in Munich, Germany, dated March 6, 1953, advising him, among other things, that he is being separated from the Foreign Service on "charges of misconduct pertaining to morality."

McLeod advised that the Bureau may use the information concerning Thayer's dismissal to include in the [redacted] investigative report if we so desired.

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This memorandum should be referred to the Investigative Division for its information.

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Re: [redacted]

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He is presently [redacted] as interviewed by [redacted] on February 12, 1954.

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[redacted] stated that he remembered none of subject's description nor subject's name or aliases. He added that there were no social affairs that he attended where persons meeting the general description of subject would attend. The entertainment was either the Russian government inviting the chief officers of the Embassy, or parties within the diplomatic corps, and when clerical employees gave parties, the only persons invited outside of fellow Embassy employees were their counterparts in other foreign embassies.

[redacted] explained that there were a considerable number of Americans who were living in Moscow who had given up their American passports and would not appear, therefore, on the "Register of American Citizens Abroad" because they had no documentation as proof of their American citizenship. Many of these persons came to Russia imbued with the Communist philosophy, and many were, like the subject, disillusioned and anxious to return to the U.S. These generally would make their appeal to the Consulate and there talk to either [redacted] both of whom worked on the desk in the Consular Section. [redacted] states, he believes presently to be in California and to have recently been separated from the State Department. When [redacted] the majority of the Moscow staff were moved to Kuybyshev, [redacted] remained in

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Moscow, and therefore was more likely to meet many of these Americans who were still there.

[redacted] suggested that probably the best source of information concerning the subject would be [redacted]  
[redacted]

[redacted] He also suggested Charles THAYER, who speaks Russian fluently and knew Russia well. He served two assignments in the USSR, from approximately 1934 to 1936 and again from approximately 1938 to 1942. He is no longer with the State Department and is living on the island of Mallorca in the Balearic Island group. [redacted] also suggested contacting [redacted] who he believes is presently connected with [redacted] New York City.

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At Palma de Mallorca, will interview Charles Thayer to determine if he has any recollection of the subject.

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References: Bufile 1-25-54 and the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated 1-8-54 at Washington, D.C.

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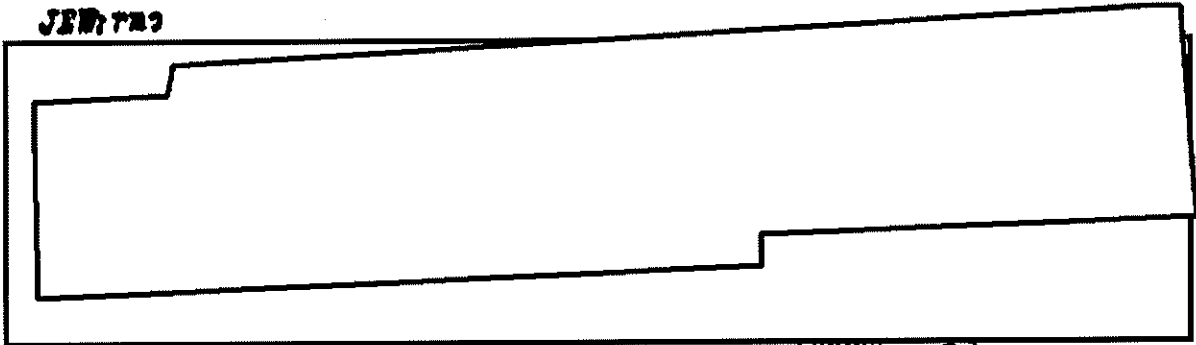
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ADD THAYER, MUNICH (840A)  
"ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS BEEN ORDERED HOME AND IS EXPECTED TO  
BE DISCHARGED IS CHARLES THAYER, FORMER HEAD OF THE VOICE OF AMERICA,  
WHOSE ACTIVITIES ARE WELL KNOWN TO THE SENATE," MCCARTHY SAID.  
THAYER WAS NAMED CONSUL-GENERAL IN MUNICH LAST JUNE SUCCEEDING SAM.  
E. WOODS. EARLIER HE WAS ATTACHED TO THE U. S. HIGH COMMISSION IN  
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"MR. CHARLES THAYER, THE AMERICAN CONSUL GENERAL IN MUNICH, HAS  
ANNOUNCED HIS RESIGNATION, THE CONSULATE-GENERAL'S ANNOUNCEMENT SAID.  
MR. THAYER, WHO HAS PUBLISHED A NUMBER OF BOOKS AND ARTICLES, WILL  
DEVOTE HIS ENTIRE TIME TO WRITING."

THAYER WAS BORN IN 1910 IN VILLA NOVA, PA. HE IS A BROTHER-IN-LAW TO  
AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE CHARLES E. BOHLEN WHO ALSO HAS SERVED IN THE  
AMERICAN MOSCOW EMBASSY DURING HIS FOREIGN SERVICE.

MCCARTHY MENTIONED THAYER IN CONNECTION WITH A STATEMENT TO THE  
SENATE ON THE WORK OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S NEW SECURITY CHIEF SCOTT  
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(THAYER)

MUNICH, GERMANY--CHARLES W. THAYER, U. S. CONSUL GENERAL IN MUNICH AND BROTHER-IN-LAW OF AMERICAN AMBASSADOR DESIGNATE TO MOSCOW CHARLES E. BOHLEN, HAS RESIGNED, IT WAS ANNOUNCED.

THE AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL IN MUNICH SAID THAYER HAD BEEN ORDERED HOME BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT. THE OFFICE SAID THAYER HAD REQUESTED HE BE RETIRED FROM THE U. S. FOREIGN SERVICE.

THE OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT GAVE NO REASON FOR THAYER'S RESIGNATION. BUT, A CONSULATE GENERAL SPOKESMAN SAID THAYER DID NOT WANT TO HAVE HIS STATE DEPARTMENT INVESTIGATION AND CLEARANCE RE-OPENED.

THAYER WAS AMONG THREE STATE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES NAMED IN WASHINGTON YESTERDAY BY SEN. JOSEPH MCCARTHY (R-WIS.) IN A REPORT TO THE SENATE.

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CHARLES W. THAYER

... resigns Munich post

## Thayer Quits As Consul in New Inquiry

MUNICH, Germany, March 26 (AP)—The United States Consulate here announced today that Charles W. Thayer, American Consul General in Munich and a brother-in-law of Charles (Chip) Bohlen, has resigned from the Foreign Service after a new investigation into his diplomatic career was ordered.

A 1933 graduate of West Point and a paratroop lieutenant colonel in World War II, the 43-year-old Thayer plans to devote his full time to writing, the consulate press office announced. He is the author of books on experiences as a diplomat pre-war, Moscow, and post-war Belgrade.

Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy (Wisc.) told the Senate yesterday that Thayer had been ordered home "and I understand, to be discharged." Although McCarthy gave no reason, he said Thayer's activities when he was head of the Voice of America are "well known to the Senate."

### Resignation Voluntary

At the State Department, however, department press officer Lincoln White said Thayer had resigned because he wanted to give his full time to writing. White said he did not know whether the resignation had been requested.

Thayer was not available for comment. The press office here said the State Department had ordered the new investigation despite the fact that Thayer had been cleared for the Munich post only last April.

Under these circumstances, Mr. Thayer voluntarily submitted his resignation, the office reported.

A close friend of the former diplomat here said: "Just the other day, he heard that there were demands by the McCarthy crowd for a reopening of his entire case and a public review of it. I guess he decided the job wasn't worth being smeared."

Thayer, who served with the State Department or the Army in Berlin, Hamburg, Zurich, Moscow, Belgrade and Bonn before coming here, is the son-in-law of James D. Dunn, United States Ambassador to Madrid.

### Expert on Soviet Matters

Both Thayer and his brother-in-law, President Eisenhower's nominee as Ambassador to Russia, have been regarded as among the United States diplomatic service's top Soviet experts. Bohlen also has come under McCarthy's fire.

A native of Villanova, Pa., Thayer, after West Point graduation, went to Moscow on his own to study the Russian language.

When William C. Bullitt came to the Soviet capital to establish the United States Embassy, Thayer applied for a job and was accepted into the foreign service. He spent seven years in Moscow.

He was head of Voice of America operations in New York from 1947 to 1949, coming afterwards to the United States High Commission in Germany.

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## Dangerous Career

Whether Charles Thayer resigned from the Foreign Service, as the State Department has announced, or whether he was discharged, as Senator McCarthy asserted the other day, the Senator can claim credit if he wants to call it that, for adding another victim to his list. One way or another, he has succeeded again in depriving the American people of an able, experienced Foreign Service officer at a time when such men are urgently needed and in short supply.

Mr. Thayer's principal offense, it seems, is that he is a brother-in-law of Charles E. Bohlen—at whom Senator McCarthy has chosen to direct the full force of his malevolence. Like every other Foreign Service officer, he has been investigated and reinvestigated; and because of his relationship to Mr. Bohlen he has been subjected to charges grounded in gossip and inflated by malice. His friends say he has had enough of this kind of humiliation and suspicion and decided to resign rather than accept more of it. It would be difficult for any person of sensitivity to blame him.

But Senator McCarthy, a man not overly modest in these matters, insists that he led the State Department to fire Mr. Thayer. Considering the department's propensity until lately to truckle to the Senator, this may indeed be the case. And if it is, the accomplishment is worth weighing. Mr. Thayer, a graduate of West Point in 1933, served during the war as a paratroop lieutenant colonel, dropping behind the lines in Yugoslavia on an extraordinarily delicate, difficult and confidential mission. He served with the Army and the State Department in a series of posts, including Berlin, Hamburg, Moscow, Belgrade and Bonn, prior to his present post as consul and principal officer for the United States High Commissioner at Munich, Germany. Like Mr. Bohlen, he is generally regarded as one of the country's leading experts on Russia. No country can cavalierly discard the devotion and services of such men. No country can afford to make contumely and humiliation the price of entering its diplomatic service.

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UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE DONOLD B. LOURIE TESTIFIED TODAY THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT IS DROPPING UPWARDS OF FIVE EMPLOYEES WEEKLY ON GROUNDS THAT THEY ARE SECURITY RISKS.

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LOURIE RAN INTO A SERIES OF QUESTIONS ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT'S PERSONNEL POLICIES WHEN HE APPEARED TO DISCUSS THE DEPARTMENT'S \$130,521,337 BUDGET OF APPROPRIATION REQUESTS FOR FISCAL 1954.

MCCARTHY COMPLIMENTED HIM FOR HIS WORK BUT OBJECTED TO THE PRESS RELEASED ISSUED AFTER THE WISCONSIN SENATOR, IN A SENATE SPEECH, CREDITED SCOTT MCLEOD, DEPARTMENT SECURITY OFFICER, WITH CAUSING THE REMOVAL OF CHARLES THAYER, FOREIGN SERVICER FORMERLY STATIONED AT MUNICH. THE DEPARTMENT SAID THAYER RESIGNED.

WHEN MCCARTHY ASKED IF THAYER WAS REQUESTED TO RESIGN, LOURIE REPLIED:

"HE WAS SEPARATED ON THE BASIS OF MORAL CHARGES. I DON'T BELIEVE THAT'S THE WORD; I'M GROP FOR THE WORD. HE RESIGNED."

MCCARTHY LATER ASKED IF THAYER HAD NOT RESIGNED WHEN NOTIFIED THAT HE WOULD BE DISCHARGED.

LOURIE REPLIED THAT THAYER WAS RECALLED TO WASHINGTON AND HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO APPEAL A DECISION BUT RESIGNED WITHOUT APPEALING. HE DID NOT CLARIFY WHAT DECISION WAS BEING APPEALED, BUT MCCARTHY ASKED IF THAYER FACED DISMISSAL ON "SECURITY GROUNDS."

"THAT TERM WAS NOT USED, I'M NOT SURE WHAT IT WAS," LOURIE SAID.

"IT WAS FOR CAUSE?" MCCARTHY ASKED.

"YES," LOURIE AGREED.

MCCARTHY SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THE DEPARTMENT IS REMOVING FOUR TO FIVE EMPLOYEES WEEKLY ON SECURITY GROUNDS, AND LOURIE COMMENTED THAT HE BELIEVED THE FIGURE TO BE "A LITTLE HIGHER THAN THAT."

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## State's Press Aide Called in Thayer Quiz

By the Associated Press

A Senate Appropriations subcommittee decided yesterday to summon Lincoln White, State Department press officer, for questioning today, concerning his account of Charles W. Thayer's resignation as consul general at Munich.

Acting Chairman Homer Ferguson (R., Mich.) agreed to call White at the demand of Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy (R-Wisc.) who asserted that White "falsified the record."

McCarthy declared that Thayer was called home for a hearing on security grounds and "elected not to appeal."

He said the State Department and White gave out the information "Thayer voluntarily resigned."

"I'm getting awfully sick of this sort of thing," McCarthy told the open hearing.

[As press officer during the administration of Secretary Dean Acheson, White frequently distributed the periodic "fact sheets" issued by the State Department in reply, and usually in contradiction, to McCarthy's accusations against it.]

Thayer's resignation was announced March 26 in Munich with the explanation that he wished to devote his full time to writing.

Last week, Donald Louie, Undersecretary of State, told a Senate committee in response to questions that "moral charges" were involved in the question of Thayer's fitness for the post.

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# U. S. Officials Differ With McCarthy Over Thayer's 'Separation'

By the Associated Press

The State Department and Senator McCarthy Republican of Wisconsin were in disagreement today about the separation from the foreign service of Charles Thayer, brother-in-law of Charles E. (Chip) Bohlen, nominee for Ambassador to Moscow.

Senator McCarthy told the been ordered home "and is, I Senate yesterday Mr. Thayer had understand, to be discharged." He gave no reason.

## Says He Resigned.

Lincoln White, State Department press officer, said Mr. Thayer had resigned as Consul and principal officer for the United States High Commissioner at Munich, Germany, "because he wants to devote his full time to writing." Mr. White said he did not know whether the resignation was requested.

Senator McCarthy said Mr. Thayer's activities when he was head of the "Voice of America" are "well known to the Senate."

In Munich a close friend of Mr. Thayer explained: "Just the other day, he heard that there were demands by the McCarthy crowd for a reopening of his entire case and a public review of it. I guess he decided the job wasn't worth being smeared."

The 43-year-old former diplomat was graduated from West Point in 1933 and served as a paratroop lieutenant colonel in World War II. He served with the Army and the State Department in a series of posts, including Berlin, Hamburg, Moscow, Belgrade and Bonn before the Munich assignment. Like Mr. Bohlen, he is considered one of the country's top experts on Russia.

**Two Others Fired, Says**  
Senator McCarthy asserted in his Senate speech that the State Department also recently fired two other persons, Benjamin Buttenweiser one-time assistant High Commissioner for Germany, and a woman he identified as Mrs. E. C. Carter. The State Department said he apparently referred to a former Mrs. Margaret Carter, who at one time held a public liaison post in the department, and is now remarried and named Morgan.

Mr. Buttenweiser and Mrs. Morgan told newsmen they long ago resigned from regular jobs in the State Department, and subsequently served occasionally as consultants. The State Department said they were dropped for economy reasons when the consultant rolls were pruned in recent weeks.

The Wisconsin Senator said Alger Hiss was "harbored" in Mr. Buttenweiser's home between Hiss' two trials. Mr. Buttenweiser denied any connection with the Hiss case, saying he was in Germany during the trials, but that his wife, a lawyer, was a member of Hiss' legal counsel.

Hiss, former State Department official, is serving a sentence for perjury. His conviction was

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based on his denial that he had passed Government secrets to a Communist spy ring.

**Differ on Identity.**

Senator McCarthy described "Mrs. E C Carter" as a \$50-a-day consultant whose husband headed the Institute of Pacific Relations. This private research group has been mentioned often in congressional investigations. Senator McCarthy said it was "Communist-controlled."

State Department officials said Mrs. Morgan was not the wife of E. C. Carter, former Institute of Pacific Relations chief, but had been married to, and divorced from, his son, William Carter.

Senator McCarthy said, without elaboration, that R. W. Scott McLeod, recently-appointed State Department security officer, caused the removal of Mr. Bittenweiser and Mrs. Carter.

Mr. Bittenweiser in New York said he voluntarily resigned his full-time State Department post December 1, 1951, and returned to the banking business in New York.

Mrs. Morgan said she had left regular employment in mid-1951 and had "done practically nothing as a consultant for more than a year."

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## II. INVESTIGATIONS BY FBI

### A. Loyalty of Government Employees

An investigation relative to Charles Wheeler Thayer was instituted on April 29, 1949, on the basis of information received from another government agency which conducts personnel and intelligence investigations indicating that while Thayer was stationed in Belgrade, Yugoslavia, with the Office of Strategic Services he was very friendly with the Russians, exhibited pro-Titoism and a dislike for General Drass Mihailovich. Reports reflecting the results of this investigation were transmitted to the United States Civil Service Commission and the United States Department of Justice on June 21, 1949. By letter dated February 14, 1950, the Loyalty Review Board of the Civil Service Commission advised that Thayer had been declared "eligible on loyalty."

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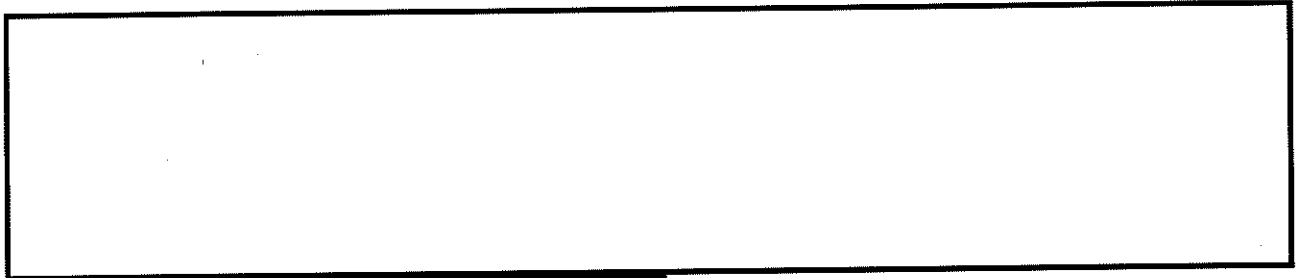
A security type investigation concerning Thayer was instituted on February 18, 1949, and was completed by a report dated April 18, 1949. Copies of investigative reports in this matter were furnished to Assistant Attorney General James M. Molnerney, Criminal Division, United States Department of Justice, by memorandum dated April 4, 1950.

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Pertinent information developed during the course of the above investigations is set forth herein under the appropriate captions.

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The American Russian Institute for Cultural Relations with the Soviet Union, Inc., New York City, also known as the American Russian Institute, has been declared by the Attorney General to be within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

IV. ALLEGED PRO-COMMUNIST AND/OR PRO-SOVIET  
OR SATELLITE ASSOCIATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

On May 23, 1949, [redacted]  
[redacted] furnished a signed statement which reads in part as follows:

"....In 1945, March to be exact, I arrived in Belgrade, Yugoslavia, to work for the American Embassy [redacted] As I climbed out of the airplane Lieutenant Colonel Charles Thayer came out to me and to my companions and after some preliminary questioning, told us with an authoritative voice that it would be up to us to establish a friendly relationship between the Yugoslav Government and that of the United States. He also indicated that if there were any questions or instructions that we wanted he would be the man who would supply them. Actually, Colonel Thayer, had no business to contact us nor to interrogate us as he was at that time Chief of the [redacted] (OSS Military Mission to Yugoslavia) and we of the State Department, members of the Embassy, were replacing that Military Mission.

"To my best knowledge, Colonel Thayer stayed in Yugoslavia from two to three months after the Embassy's arrival. About a week after I began my work in the Embassy, an American citizen, who lived in Yugoslavia all during the occupation, told me that when he went over to the OSS Mission, which was headed by Colonel Thayer, in the month of November, 1944, and asked for some economic help, Colonel Thayer's staff questioned him concerning his political beliefs. This American was very critical of the Communists as well as the Nazis; criticized, extensively, Marshal Tito and the partisan movement and the intervention of the Soviet Government in Yugoslavia. This American citizen was given a quick brush-off by the OSS Mission and he received no economic help. After this incident I did some investigating and found more than six cases where similar situations occurred. In short, members of the Military Mission, whose duty was to help the stranded Americans, refused to help them in every case where the stranded Americans were critical of the Communist regime in Yugoslavia. All this was done with Colonel Thayer's knowledge and approval.

"About three weeks after my arrival in Yugoslavia I questioned Colonel Thayer about his Mission's refusal to help the needy Americans and he dismissed the whole thing with a statement, 'Oh, they were nothing but Nazi collaborators.' That, of course, was a complete lie because most of those people I learned to know well, personally, and had plenty of time in my subsequent residence in Yugoslavia to investigate their behavior during the German occupation.

"About the same time, I was checking an economic report written by

Mission headed by Colonel Thayer. The report I examined was a statement of damage done to an American power plant located in the city of Novi Sad. This report indicated that the damage was 100 per cent destruction. About a week later, [redacted] who was a [redacted] of the Embassy, and I made the trip to Novi Sad and after complete study and investigation, we came to a conclusion that the plant was only 50 per cent destroyed, or perhaps 60. The report was written and it should be on record with the State Department.

"I brought this falsified report to the attention of Colonel Thayer and I asked him why was it that his men were diminishing the Communist control over the economy of Yugoslavia and exaggerated damages done to American properties? Colonel Thayer refused to discuss the situation by stating that he had full confidence in his men. It became apparent, after a while, that OSS Mission, under Colonel Thayer's control, was doing everything possible to help the Communist cause and interfere with all those who attempted either to protect American interests, or who were anti-Communists.

"After several encounters with Colonel Thayer I began to keep an eye on him and found that at all social functions he was extremely fond of being with the Soviet officials and it also became apparent that he made many social calls upon Yugoslav top Commissars and ranking Soviet military officials. I say social calls because the function of the Military Mission ceased and it was handled by the State Department; yet, Colonel Thayer kept on meeting with the ranking Communist officials.

"I was present at gatherings where political economic discussions took place, at which Colonel Thayer also expressed himself as a good Party-Liner. His usual comments were, 'Let's not be so hard on Tito. After all look at the difficulty he has had with the Nazis and perhaps he is justified in being a little bit tough on his people.' Or such a remark as, 'So what if he did confiscate the American properties. After all, the Americans were using the poor, unfortunate people of Yugoslavia for their selfish interests.' Or he would say, 'Don't be a tool of Wall Street.' In my some dozen talks with Colonel Thayer, not on a single occasion did he ever criticize the methods used by the Communists, be they of Russian or Yugoslavian origin.

"A month after our arrival in Yugoslavia, the Yugoslav Government was attempting to re-establish a new rate for the American dollar. This negotiation should have been handled by the Embassy; however, Charlie Thayer jumped the gun without any authorization from our Ambassador, went over to the Yugoslav Foreign Office and agreed on a very unrealistic rate.

[redacted] due to low exchange rate which was set by the Yugoslav Government on the basis of original discussions with Charles Thayer. Through this arrangement, which he set up without authority, it has cost the United States Government no less than \$1,000,000 and I am prepared to write an economic analysis and prove how I arrived at this \$1,000,000 figure.

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"About a month or so later, Colonel Thayer was transferred to Vienna as the Chief of the OSS Mission in Austria.

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"In the late part of 1945 or the beginning of 1946, the Counselor of our Embassy, Mr. Schantz, asked me to go over and talk with the Yugoslav head of Foreign Commerce, Mr. Bichinich, concerning a Yugoslav request for an American loan. My talk with Mr. Bichinich was very short.

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"Shortly after my conversation with Mr. Bichinich, we at the Embassy learned that Colonel Thayer was coming for an unofficial visit from Vienna. We were all surprised because as a rule even Americans on official business had difficulty entering Yugoslavia. When Colonel Thayer arrived, an excellent source informed me that he first went into the Yugoslav Foreign Office where he had a one-hour discussion with Deputy Foreign Minister for Yugoslavia. Later on he had a visit with Marshal Tito; then came to the American Embassy; then he saw some Soviet top officials and I believe that day or the next day, at a party, Colonel Thayer came up to me and said, 'What's the idea, [redacted] interfering with a loan to Yugoslavia?' I asked him how was it that he knew about it and he said, 'Don't you mind that. Why don't you help these poor people? They need American money.' Colonel Thayer's voice was very friendly with the exception that he was very insistent on U. S. giving Yugoslavia a loan.

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[redacted] There, Thayer again attempted to justify the behavior of Tito's Communist regime and slightly threatened me; however, when I accused him of the threat, he quickly said that I misunderstood him. The best recollection I have now is that our conversation lasted about a half hour and during that time the whole thesis was that we should give the Yugoslavian Government a loan, [redacted]  
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"I am also aware, beyond any doubt, Colonel Thayer, after our conversation, again paid a visit to the Yugoslav Foreign Office, where he repeated our conversation.

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"It should be noted that Charles Thayer, when head of the OSS Mission in Yugoslavia, was friendly with, and allowed [redacted] a well-known Party-liner, a run of the Mission and, in fact, [redacted] gave him orders as to which Americans should be given aid. Thayer would follow [redacted] advice.

"While I was in Yugoslavia, it also became apparent to me that on many occasions Thayer gave American gasoline, fr-i, supplies, ammunition, tires and other equipment to the officials of the Yugoslavian Government and the Soviet Military Mission, without pay. All these presents were uncalled for. Actually, Colonel Thayer had no authorization from anyone to give these goods to the Yugoslavian Government. I am not speaking of the goods that were authorized as a part of Lend Lease. There were personal favors to the ranking officials of the Yugoslav Government and the Soviet Military Mission. My personal feeling is that Colonel Thayer was always ready and willing to serve the Communist officials, and his whole behavior was in the interests of their success. I, just as strongly, feel that his behavior in Yugoslavia was very detrimental to the American cause, and in addition the fact that he collaborated with Communist high-ranking officials has convinced me that he is not a good security risk.

"Charles Thayer, in my opinion, is not a good security risk because of his collaboration with top Communist officials in Yugoslavia and with Soviet officials, as has been related above...." (121-17249-21, pp 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6) (100-360035-15, 17)

An informant of unknown reliability advised another government agent in July, 1948, that he had known Thayer for some time and that Thayer once lived and roomed with Mike (Michael Boris) Petrovich. (100-360035-15 p 15; [redacted])  
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A former official for the U. S. Government at Belgrade, Yugoslavia, who was described by another Government agency which conducts personnel and intelligence investigations, as having furnished reliable information to that agency, furnished the following to that agency during 1948:

This individual stated that when the Military Mission was set up in Belgrade, Thayer had as his [redacted] both of whom were described by this individual as Communists.

[redacted] This informant related that a third member of Mr. Thayer's [redacted] who, according to this informant, was probably not a Communist but did associate with the Communists and especially with [redacted] This informant reported that Thayer was very friendly with the Russians, and although United States policy at that time favored Tito, Thayer showed a very strong like toward the Tito forces and a dislike for General Draca Mihailovich. He stated that Thayer once "flew in" fifty jeeps and gave them to Tito and that a good many "good Americans" in Belgrade questioned Thayer's loyalty to the U. S. cause. (121-17249-7, 17; 100-360035-15; [redacted] formerly an Assistant Naval Attache at Belgrade, [redacted] St. Dept., Security Division)

In June, 1949, this former official for the U. S. Government at Belgrade, Yugoslavia, was interviewed by another Government agency which conducts personnel and intelligence investigations at which time he refused categorically to make a statement regarding Thayer. He declared that the little he knows concerning Thayer is already well known in Washington. He said he believed he could add nothing pertinent. b1

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"The New Leader" dated May 24, 1947, Volume XXX, No. 23, page 8, contains an article entitled "How to Falsify Military Intelligence" by David Martin, author of "Ally Betrayed," former Captain in the Canadian Air Force. This article states that the information concerning Yugoslavia during the last war was falsified in an effort to convince the Allies that the people of Yugoslavia were, for the most part, Partisans fighting for Tito, while the Chetniks under General Mihailovich were in the minority and, furthermore, were the enemies of the Allies. This article continued that as a result of this falsified information furnished to the Allies through the efforts of disloyal OSS personnel, Great Britain and the United States made the greatest blunder in history when they threw their lot in with the Communist Tito regime. The article continued:

"Although General Donovan personally was never taken in by the myth of Tito and frequently bucked British policy in Yugoslavia, the OSS was far from immune to pro-Soviet infiltration. Among the 'friends of the Soviet Union' in the OSS were the brothers Vane (Wayne) and Alexander Vuchanich (Vucinich), both of whom had responsible desk positions in the Yugoslav Section..." (100-277785-16)

In September, 1949, a reliable informant advised that he has known Michael Boro Petrovich since the latter part of 1944 when he met him in Bari, Italy. He advised that he believed Petrovich to be a Communist on the basis of his associating only with a Communist group which included Alex and Wayne Vuchinich. He said that Petrovich continually spoke of Yugoslavia becoming a "democracy" under Tito whereas it has previously been a dictatorship. [redacted]

[redacted] 87-04 Elmhurst Ave., Elmhurst, L. I., NY, formerly OSS Chief of Operations in Balkans; 123-3625-43 p 8,9)

In October, 1949, Joseph Veselinovich, 3505 Magnolia Street, St. Louis, Missouri, advised that he had been attached to the Office of Strategic Services as a Special Intelligence and Special Operation Officer. He related that while in Italy Petrovich on many occasions stated to him that he, Petrovich, sincerely believed that Communism was the best and only type of government for the Balkan States. Veselinovich advised that in his conversations Petrovich appeared to be highly enthusiastic about the cause and spread of Communism. He added that from his conversations, he was convinced that Petrovich was a Communist.

(123-3625-42 p 2)

In 1949 Charles W. Thayer was interviewed concerning Michael Boro Petrovich during the course of an applicant investigation conducted under the provisions of Public Law 402 by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Thayer advised that he knew Petrovich when both were employed by the Office of Strategic Services and while Petrovich was a member of the United States Mission to Yugoslavia which was headed by Thayer. Thayer stated that when Petrovich arrived in Yugoslavia with OSS he was one of the few Americans who were able to judge the situation from a purely American point of view. He said that in Petrovich's contacts with Americans Petrovich loyally defended the President's decision to support Tito although he was never under any illusion as to the non-democratic and Communist character of the Tito Government. He said that Petrovich was also aware of the strong-arm methods used by the Tito Government against the Serbian Orthodox Church Hierarchy with which Petrovich had long family connections. Thayer said that Petrovich was more opposed to Tito than to Mihailovich but that he had heard that Petrovich had made speeches in New York in support of Tito.

(123-3625-43)

On May 23, 1949, Mark Komonich, a United States citizen of Yugoslav descent who had spent many years in Yugoslavia until after termination of World War II, furnished a signed statement, portions of which read as follows:

"...In early 1945 I went to the U.S.S. Mission in Belgrade, Yugoslavia for a job as I am an American citizen; also I wanted protection until I could get out of the country. The Mission was under the leadership of Charles W. Thayer. I

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talked with Michel Petrovich and Lt. Miner who worked under Thayer. They quizzed me as to my political affiliation, and when I told them I was against the Communists, they told me they could not help me.

"After I started working for U. S. Embassy in Belgrade, I saw a cablegram sent to O.S.S. Mission telling them to help me, and to assist me to get out of the country. Actually they refused to do anything for me in spite of these instructions. I never had but a few brief conversations with Thayer, which consisted primarily of salutations. . ."

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(121-17249-21 p 7,8)

(121-17249-14- p 2,3)

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doing OSS work, he read many reports written by Thayer on his observations of conditions in Yugoslavia. It was Dr. McDowell's opinion from reading these reports that Thayer was extremely pro-Tito. At the time Thayer worked in Belgrade, continued Dr. McDowell, Thayer apparently had very close contact with the Tito forces and spent practically all of his time reporting information furnished by them. Dr. McDowell related that it was the policy of the Allied forces to "play ball" with the Tito forces and to recognize them in contrast to the forces of Mihailovich. According to Dr. McDowell, it was quite possible that Thayer had this policy in mind when he continually reported pro-Tito information. It was not known by McDowell whether this trend of Thayer's reports meant that he was pro-Communist. In any event, McDowell remarked that it appeared to him that Thayer lacked good judgment and discretion in reporting everything favorable to Tito. He stated that Thayer was useless from an intelligence viewpoint because of his apparent gullibility in believing and reporting everything favorable to Tito. McDowell commented that he does not believe Thayer is a Communist, or that he is pro-Russian or even that he is disloyal but volunteered that he does not believe he is a fit person in his position because of his demonstration of a lack of discretion in his OSS work.

(121-17249-17-p. 11,12)

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He advised that when he arrived in Belgrade, Thayer was there as head of the Office of Strategic Services. He related that he arrived at the opinion, without being able to state exactly his reasons for his feeling, that Thayer was not the type of individual to be representing the United States in Belgrade. He advised he felt there was too much apparent appeasing of Tito and his policies by the American authorities. He said that Thayer in particular, as head of the Office of Strategic Services in Belgrade and as an individual who apparently controlled the thinking of the Ambassador and the policy of American authorities in Belgrade, publicly at various receptions held in Belgrade showed too much of his attention and apparent admiration on Tito, which, to [redacted] mind, probably gave the wrong impression to other nations concerning the position of the United States in regard to Russia. [redacted] related that his observations of Thayer's actions in regard to Tito, plus Thayer's actions which caused him to believe that power and promotion were Thayer's first consideration, made him feel that Thayer was not the right type of individual to be representing the United States in Belgrade. [redacted] said that actually he was not able to show factually the reason for his feeling of lack of faith in Thayer other than his observations based on Thayer's actions. He added that his opinion was such that in the final analysis he believed if it became a choice between Thayer's desire for power and prestige, plus his apparent admiration of Tito, as evidenced

by his actions, and the welfare of America in contrast to the welfare of Russia, Thayer would first choose the welfare of America. In conclusion [redacted] stated that Tito finally ordered the Office of Strategic Services out of Belgrade inasmuch as he had become suspicious of their motives in their overt friendliness toward him and, as a consequence, Thayer had to leave Belgrade.

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In June, 1949, Robert G. Miner, Second Secretary, American Embassy, Athens, Greece, advised that he had served with Mr. Thayer, who was then a Lieutenant Colonel in the U. S. Army with the American Military Mission to Yugoslavia for approximately six months in 1944 and 1945, during which time he was in very close contact with Thayer both during and outside working hours. He said that he never had the slightest occasion to doubt Thayer's loyalty to the United States in any way. Mr. Miner advised that Thayer appeared to him to be strongly anti-Communist. Mr. Miner related that there were only two circumstances during this period which might serve as the basis for any accusation of disloyalty and in Mr. Miner's opinion neither of them should be considered in any way as indicating disloyalty to the United States. In elaborating on this Mr. Miner said that there were some Americans of Serb descent who considered that another unnamed American officer of Serb descent on Thayer's staff was a Communist. [redacted]

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According to Mr. Miner, during the period that he served with Thayer and this officer was on the staff, almost all of the latter's reports were, so far as he was aware, concerned with economic and social matters and were not pro-Communist but objective. Mr. Miner stated that Thayer never discussed with him whether or not this officer should continue on the staff and, consequently, he did not know whether Thayer retained the officer at his own wish or because of the difficulty in securing an equally well qualified replacement. Mr. Miner advised that the other factor that may have caused some people to question Thayer's loyalty was his attitude toward the Serb spirit of resistance. According to Mr. Miner, Thayer frequently and acidly spoke of "the myth of Serb resistance." These remarks, said Mr. Miner, were Thayer's response to predictions of various Serb-Americans and other pro-Mihailovich elements that the Serbs would never submit to Tito's rule but would again "go to the woods" and by force of arms overthrow the Tito regime. Mr. Miner declared that Thayer did not believe that any such development would occur and was frank in stating so to various people who held the opposite viewpoint most strongly. Mr. Miner concluded that it seemed inconceivable that a man's loyalty to the United States should be questioned because he carried out what was then the official United States policy of according military support to Tito and held a

different interpretation of possible future developments that maintained by other ~~fraternal~~. (121-17249-7)

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In May, 1949, Constantine A. Fotitch, 3249 1<sup>st</sup> Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., former Royal Yugoslav Ambassador to the United States, advised he had met Charles Thayer once in the early part of 1947. At this meeting Thayer exhibited very strong sympathy for the regime in Yugoslavia and told Mr. Fotitch that when he was with the Office of Strategic Services in Yugoslavia, he had discharged employees under his supervision who were pro-Mihailovich. Fotitch pointed out that he, himself, was pro-Mihailovich and naturally had an aversion to Thayer's attitude on the Yugoslav question. He said that at this meeting he did not pursue this question any further in order to avoid argument. He stated he does not believe Thayer is or ever was disloyal to the United States but believes Thayer was of the opinion that by cultivating Tito, the United States would gain an important ally. (121-17249-17-p.14)

A reliable informant advised in May, 1949, that he first became well acquainted with Thayer after the fall of Belgrade in 1944, while Thayer and he were employees of the U. S. Government in Belgrade. Informant stated that Thayer was the Chief of the OSS and was in Belgrade during the same months in 1944 and 1945 as the informant. He related that Thayer could speak Yugoslav and Russian very well, was a very able diplomat, but had a flare for the dramatic, and had a tremendous desire for power. Informant advised that Thayer was guilty of reporting to Washington officials false information regarding Tito. He explained that Thayer played up Tito and suppressed the facts regarding Tito's desire of forming a Balkan Confederacy, which would some day become another Soviet state. He said that Thayer was instrumental in having photographers of the Army Air Force photograph Tito on many occasions, playing up to the vanity of Tito. Informant stated that the policy had been decided to flatter Tito in Yugoslavia and that Thayer would report information supporting that policy. He reported that it was well known in the Office of Strategic Services and in the other American offices that Thayer had several Communists on his staff. He said he could not recall the names of these individuals. Informant continued that Thayer explained the presence of Communists on his staff by relating that it was necessary to have Communists in his dealings with Tito and that the Communists were good sources of information regarding the Tito regime. He said that he had frequent arguments with Thayer over Thayer's policy of stressing the good sides of Tito and of suppressing the bad sides of Tito. The informant stated that in his opinion Thayer is very able, but he doubts Thayer's wisdom in making policies for the United States. He added that Thayer is loyal to this country and would not knowingly betray any secrets or confidences to any foreign power. (121-17249-17 pp 15,16; - Professor Caleb Gates, University of Denver, a relative of Thayer)

An informant of unknown reliability was advised in March, 1949, that on one occasion Thayer or War Department in the United States requesting he be allowed to give a decoration to Tito; however, the State and War Departments recommended that no such decoration should be given Tito. (100-360035-15 p 5; [redacted] American Red Cross, Wash., D. C.)

Advice was received from the Department of State in April, 1950, that such a request or response as mentioned above could not be identified in the records of that Department. (Info. received by SA [redacted] April 12, 1950)

The Department of the Army advised in April, 1950, that a search of the records of that Department had failed to disclose correspondence indicating Thayer had desired to give a decoration to Tito, or that the Department had responded to such a request. (SA [redacted] April 17, 1950)

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William Donovan, Attorney, 2 Wall Street, New York, New York, former Director, [redacted] advised in the Spring of 1949 that Thayer's most specific duty in his mission to Tito's headquarters was to get as friendly as possible with Tito in order to win his confidence so that he might extract all essential military and intelligence information concerning Tito's future plans and policies. (121-17249-4)

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George S. Wuchinich, who was in the Army during the war and was assigned to [REDACTED] during that time, was reported by a reliable informant as having stated in June, 1947, that he joined the Communist Party while serving with [REDACTED] in Yugoslavia. This informant said that Wuchinich advised that he was not then a member of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania, but was contemplating joining. Other reliable informants have advised, during 1947 and 1948, that he attended meetings of the Communist Party in Pittsburgh and was closely associated with Communist Party functionaries in Pittsburgh. According to "Narodni Glasnik" issue of August 21, 1947, George S. Wuchinich was Executive Secretary of the American Slav Congress of Western Pennsylvania.

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The Communist Party, USA, and the American Slav Congress have been declared as being within the purview of Executive Order 9835 by the Attorney General. Concerning "Narodni Glasnik," in a report of 1948, the California Committee on Un-American Activities declared this publication "to be Communist initiated and controlled, or so strongly influenced as to be in the Stalin Ruler System." (100-346126-8; Pittsburgh [REDACTED])



Dr. Wayne S. Vucinich was employed by OSS in Washington, D. C., London England, and Bari, Italy, from 1941 to 1944. From 1944 to 1945, he was employed by the Allied Control Commission, Sofia, Bulgaria. From June, 1945 to September, 1946, he was employed by the Department of State in Washington, D. C. An informant of unknown reliability advised another government agency in 1946, that in 1937 or 1938, Vucinich was a contributor to the Yugoslav-American Herald in San Francisco and was editor of this paper from 1939 to 1941. This informant expressed the opinion that during this period Vucinich's views were strongly Communistic. Another informant of unknown reliability who knew Wayne Vucinich while both were stationed at Bari, Italy, advised another government agency in 1946, that Vucinich always associated with Communists and pro-Communist partisans and worked very closely with them. Another informant of unknown reliability who has known Wayne Vucinich since before the war advised another government agency in 1946 that Vucinich was definitely and openly pro-Tito and pro-partisan while he was stationed at Bari, Italy, and associated with known and suspected Communists. (100-277785, serial 14) 1. Application for Fed. Employment dated 1-8-43. at St. Dept. 2.

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[redacted] former Soviet Diplomatic Service employee who defected from Soviet Embassy in  
Alfred Pukan, Special Assistant to the Chief, Program Operations Mexico  
Branch, International Broadcasting Division, Department of State, New York City)\*  
City, in the spring of 1949, advised that Tayer, after becoming the  
consultant on the Russian Desk, agreed with him that the Desk in preparing  
broadcasts to Russia should adopt a "tougher" policy toward the Russians  
than the previous policy of appeasement. Pukan declared Tayer is  
responsible for the Voice of America getting the favorable publicity it  
was receiving because of its "get tough" policy. (121-17249-14 p 2, 9)

\* The Daily Worker is an east coast Communist daily newspaper. Federated  
Press was cited as a Communist front by the Special Committee on Un-American  
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An informant of unknown reliability, [redacted] Thayer in the State Department, advised in June, 1949, that he has no question in his mind concerning the loyalty of Thayer but from the impressions Thayer has made on him he has formed the impression that Thayer is immature and irresponsible and that he is motivated in his actions by a tremendous desire for personal gain and prestige. This individual related that on one occasion Thayer had been told not to employ an individual named [redacted] because the Security Office of the State Department had requested that he not be employed. He said that he did not know the reason why [redacted] should not be employed nor did Thayer. He related that he, himself, knew of no objection to [redacted]. According to this informant, in spite of his instructions to the contrary, Thayer employed [redacted] on a free lance basis. This individual said that he felt that this specific action on the part of Thayer showed his lack of maturity and his desire to get ahead. He said that he feels that Thayer decided that for the best interests of the program, the material supplied by [redacted] would accomplish greater benefit for the program and consequently employed [redacted]. He said that he believes that

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Thayer had no intention of injuring the security of the country by this action. This informant continued that even though Thayer's desire for personal prestige and gain was one of the prime factors motivating him, he believed that this desire would be subjugated if the issue arose as to choosing between the security of the United States and his own gain. Informant's only fear in this regard was that Thayer might not, because of his lack of maturity, recognize the issue and, consequently, would unintentionally harm the United States. He said that he, himself, would not hire Thayer because of this lack of maturity and irresponsibility on his part. (121-17249-11; [redacted] former supervisor of Thayer at International Broadcasting Div., now with Buchanan & Co., 1501 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C.)

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IV. ALLEGED PRO-COMMUNIST AND/OR PRO-SOVIET  
OR SATELLITE ASSOCIATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

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Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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According to the Daily Worker for October 4, 1941, the Russian War Relief, Incorporated, superseded the original American Committee for Medical Aid to Russia. The Daily Worker is an East Coast Communist newspaper. The Daily Worker of October 4, 1941, stated that Russian War Relief, Incorporated was intended to be the central national organization through which numerous groups and committees would send their medical and civilian aid to the Soviet Union.

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The Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee appears on the list of organizations named by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835. The Washington Committee to Lift the Spanish Embargo was cited as a Communist front by the California Committee on Un-American Activities in its report of 1948, pp. 335 and 336.

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The publication "New Masses" has been cited as a Communist front organization by the Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives.

V. ALLEGATIONS INVOLVING DISCRIMINATION  
AND BLACK MARKETING ACTIVITIES

V. ALLEGATIONS INVOLVING MORAL TURPITUDE  
AND BLACK MARKETING ACTIVITIES

An individual who has been reported by another government agency as having furnished reliable information advised on March 30, 1949, that he had been acquainted with Charles Wheeler Thayer for the past few years and that Thayer is undoubtedly a homosexual. Informant declared that Thayer and [redacted] who was at one time employed by the State Department and who is a notorious homosexual, are very good friends.

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Informant stated that during this friendship, one night in December, 1946, informant and [redacted] went to Thayer's apartment at 1762 K Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. Informant stated he and [redacted] did not knock at Thayer's door but opened the door and walked in and informant and [redacted] heard sounds in an adjoining room indicating two people were in bed and that these two people immediately got up and came into the room where informant and [redacted] were, at which time they were arranging their clothes and informant stated these two individuals were Thayer and an individual whose identity he is not sure of, but that it was obvious to him that Thayer and this other individual were having homosexual relations. (The informant stated that he believed this other individual was [redacted] although he is not sure of this to a degree where he can definitely say it was [redacted]) Informant advised that [redacted] later told him that Thayer is "as queer as a \$3 bill," and that although Thayer was married he was a "high class homosexual and is known only among high class homosexuals."

Investigation disclosed that Thayer and his wife moved to 1762 K Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., in September, 1946, from 120 E. 95th Street, New York City.

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[redacted] Informant stated that through [redacted] they arranged to meet Thayer and had a few drinks and ate and talked for several hours, during which time they told homosexual jokes and talked of many people who are homosexual and which man is in love with another. Informant stated that when they left the restaurant and bar they got in a cab and after dropping [redacted] off, Thayer made approaches to informant to engage in homosexual relations with him. Informant stated that earlier this evening, [redacted] and Thayer had spoken of what great friends they were with [redacted]

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[redacted] During the conversation, both [redacted] and Thayer mentioned [redacted] as a mutual friend of theirs and [redacted] commented to informant that [redacted] is a very famous homosexual. Also, during the conversation the name of [redacted] came up and the informant gained the impression that Thayer at one time lived with [redacted] Thayer commented to [redacted] "gay", which informant stated is a homosexual term meaning an active or participating homosexual. Informant stated that Thayer's apparent association with [redacted] plus his known association with [redacted] and his homosexual conversation and the very definite approach Thayer made to informant, convinces informant that Thayer is a homosexual.

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[redacted] also said that [redacted] was a homosexual. According to the informant, [redacted] among Thayer's friends and those with whom he associated frequently were [redacted]

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An informant of unknown reliability advised in 1948, according to another government agency, that when [REDACTED]

close friends. The informant stated that every time Thayer came to Washington he either [REDACTED] and Thayer were very [REDACTED] or visited with him.

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"Charlie Thayer was by to see me and we had a wild time." The informant stated that [REDACTED] spoke of Thayer often and because of what he knew of [REDACTED] he was suspicious of their associations. He stated it was hard for him to believe that Thayer was a homosexual but when he learned that [REDACTED] was he felt almost sure that Thayer likewise was a homosexual. However, the informant stated he had no facts upon which to base this belief other than Thayer's close personal association with [REDACTED] (100-360035-15 p 9.)

[REDACTED] Acting Chief of Division of Foreign Service Adm as interviewed by [REDACTED] Security Div., State Dept., May to July, 1948.)

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employee of State Department.)

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[REDACTED] 100-360035-15 p 8; [REDACTED] Division of Security, State Dept.)

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State Dept., April 12, 1950, by SA [REDACTED]

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A former official for the U. S. Government at Belgrade, Yugoslavia, who was described by another government agency, which conducts personnel and intelligence investigations, as having furnished reliable information to that agency, furnished the following information to that agency in 1948:

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This individual stated that while he was at Belgrade, Yugoslavia, he heard rumors to the effect that Thayer was a homosexual. He stated that a close friend of his who worked on Thayer's staff in Belgrade for the Military Mission confided that he had suspected Thayer of being homosexual, had heard stories that he was homosexual and had made a point of trying to find out whether such information was true. The friend later told this individual that he found that Thayer was homosexual. This individual reported that this information regarding Thayer was widely known in Belgrade, although the informant had no actual facts to prove the matter. He stated that Thayer was waited on regularly by a [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] who was a known homosexual in Belgrade. This individual related that he heard the same stories regarding the moral conduct of Thayer at Vienna, Austria, when Thayer was there with the Office of Strategic Services Mission. This informant explained that there was no question in his mind but that Thayer is a homosexual and should not be retained in such a vulnerable position as he was then holding. He explained that if people knew that Thayer was a homosexual in Belgrade and Vienna it is a foregone conclusion [REDACTED]

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In June, 1949, this former official for the U. S. Government at Belgrade, Yugoslavia, was interviewed by another government agency which conducts personnel and intelligence investigations at which time he refused categorically to make a statement regarding Thayer. He declared that the little he knows concerning Thayer is already well known in Washington. He said that he believed he could add nothing pertinent. [REDACTED]

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In May, 1949, [REDACTED]

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where as head of the Military Mission in 1945. He volunteered the information that it was common gossip in the diplomatic circles in Belgrade that Thayer was a homosexual. [redacted] stated that he had no proof of this allegation. (121-17249-17 p 10, 11) (S)

Information was received in March, 1949, that an individual who has reportedly furnished reliable information to another government agency advised a representative of that agency in 1948 that Thayer was friendly with Nicholas Nabokoff, another employee of the International Broadcasting Division in New York City, and that Nabokoff was obviously a homosexual. Informant further stated that these two lived together at one time. Informant stated Nabokoff is very effeminate in his mannerisms and speech and that he greets all the men at IBD with "good morning, dear," or "hello darling" and that even if Nabokoff is not a homosexual, all the male employees of IBD think he is. Informant stated that the majority of the people in the IBD Office now accept Nabokoff and Thayer as a "pair" and that they are the laughing stock of the office. The informant advised Thayer has been very friendly with a good looking young man named [redacted]

Informant said he feels no malice toward Thayer or any of his associates and does not wish to harm Thayer but stated if Thayer is a homosexual, as suspected by him, [redacted]

This informant described Thayer as effeminate in his mannerisms and especially in his speech and stated Thayer has let it be known throughout the office that he is the brother-in-law of Charles "Chip" Bohlen, who is presently Minister, U. S. Embassy, Paris, France. Informant stated Thayer makes sure no one forgets this by making frequent reference to Bohlen's name. (100-360035-15 p 11)

An informant of unknown reliability advised a representative of another government agency in 1948 that Thayer and Nicholas Nabokoff at one time lived together in apartment 4 North, of the apartment building located at 1350 Madison Avenue, New York. The informant reported that Nabokoff had the apartment first and Thayer moved in with him about September 1947. Informant stated Nabokoff, who was divorced, married again, and Thayer thereupon moved out in March 1948 to the New York Athletic Club. Informant stated that while Thayer and Nabokoff were living together, Nabokoff seemed to be out of town most of the time traveling, and while he was out of town, Thayer often brought in young men friends to spend [redacted]

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night with him. Informant stated there was one period of about three months when Thayer and Nabokoff had a young [redacted] boy named [redacted] living with them. According to informant, this young [redacted] boy was very effeminate and obviously a "queer". Informant advised that after Thayer moved away, Thayer had on two occasions visited the apartment when the Nabokoffs were away and brought in young men friends with him. Informant stated he had learned Thayer held a position that had to do with broadcasting propaganda to Russia and that he had been suspicious of Thayer and Nabokoff because every person with whom they associated or brought into the apartment, not only looked foreign, but all spoke with foreign accents. Informant stated he did not know any of these people except [redacted] but there was no doubt in his mind that Thayer and his friends were homosexuals. (100-360035-15)

An informant of unknown reliability advised a representative of another government agency in June 1948, that he had no first-hand knowledge that Thayer and Nabokoff were homosexuals. The informant, who admitted he was a homosexual, stated however that while living at 1350 Madison Avenue, New York City, Thayer used to bring men into his bedroom who would stay until two or three o'clock in the morning. (100-360035-15 pgs 12-13.)

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An informant of unknown reliability advised a representative of another government agency in 1948 that she recalled Thayer when he had lived at 120 E. 95th Street, New York City for six months in about 1946. Informant stated Thayer had lived alone as far as she knew and that she had observed Thayer in the back yard of his home during the summer months and stated she had noticed Thayer had never entertained women but he always had young men, either in groups or singly and although she knew nothing regarding his habits or morals, his association with a large number of young men which did not include women, seemed odd to her. The informant stated "it seemed awfully funny for him to have so many young boy friends and no girl friends or wife." (100-360035-15 p 11;)

A confidential informant, of known reliability, advised in March, 1950, of the receipt by a member of congress of an anonymous letter alleging that Thayer was a homosexual. (65-32871-4)

In March, 1950, information was received that Senator Joseph R. McCarthy was of the opinion that Thayer "is one of the worst types of degenerates" and that Senator McCarthy intended to call on the Department of State to fire Thayer.

On May 23, 1949, [redacted]

[redacted] furnished a signed statement which reads in part as follows:

"...Towards the end of 1945, certain members of the Military Attache's Office of the American Embassy, were engaged in the black market operations. Our Ambassador, Richard C. Patterson, asked me to investigate the extent and detail of the operations. [redacted]

[redacted] and at the same time, I found out that several months before, while Colonel Thayer and his Mission were still in Yugoslavia, that they were operating in the black market. I am not in a position to state that every member of that Mission was involved; however, I can state that Colonel Thayer, personally, was buying diamonds and other precious stones and cameras which were being sent for re-sale into Italy and, in some cases, into Cairo, where three to five-fold profit was achieved. I also became aware that Colonel Thayer sometimes directly, and sometimes through some of his henchmen, was purchasing American securities by paying 10 cents on the dollar. It also became apparent to me that unlimited amount of American food supplies, clothing and medical supplies were being sold by the American Military Mission to the populace of Yugoslavia. Most of these sales were made, not for the Yugoslav paper currency, but for the 20-frank gold pieces (gold Napoleons). I have probably talked, personally, to 50 people who gave me detailed information concerning Americans of the Military Mission under Charlie Thayer's command and Charlie Thayer, himself, information dealing with their black market operations. One of Colonel Thayer's men admitted to me that he, personally, made \$3,600 in the black market on food and clothing and automobile parts, and he was only an enlisted man. After careful study of the black market operations in Yugoslavia by the American Military Mission, I have come to a conclusion that a minimum of one-half million dollars was made by Colonel Thayer and members of his Mission, those men who engaged in black market operations..."

During this interview, [redacted] volunteered that Thayer when in Yugoslavia had the reputation of being a homosexual and it was common knowledge, according to [redacted] that Thayer was friendly with [redacted] who was also considered to be a homosexual by those in the State Department who knew him.

An informant of unknown reliability advised a representative of the Department of State, according to information received confidentially from the Department of State in March, 1949, [redacted]

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(100-360035-15 p 1P-19; [REDACTED] who provided this info to SA [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] of Security Division, Dept of State.) b7C

A representative of the Department of State has advised confidentially that Charles Thayer himself acknowledged that he was the father of the child born to [REDACTED] on [REDACTED] that he had recommended Dr. [REDACTED] to [REDACTED] and that Dr. [REDACTED] had been his personal physician and was at one time (late 1948) giving shots to him for his contemplated trip to Europe. [REDACTED]

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Charles W. Thayer, who furnished this info to SA [REDACTED] of State Dept.)

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VI. FAVORABLE COMMENTS BY PROMINENT INDIVIDUALS

Cavendish W. Cannon

In July, 1949, Cavendish W. Cannon, U. S. Ambassador to Yugoslavia, advised that he first became acquainted with Mr. Thayer in late 1944 or early 1945 while Thayer was serving with [redacted] which was after he had already been in the field working with Yugoslav elements. Mr. Cannon pointed out that at that time he was in charge of Yugoslav affairs in the Department of State. He related that Mr. Thayer, then in uniform [redacted] with the rank, he believed, of Lieutenant Colonel, had been detailed to the [redacted] and had been assigned by that organization to this task. He said that Thayer's knowledge of Eastern European conditions made him a natural choice for such work and he never had any indication that Thayer had sought this particular assignment. He said he believed the mission specifically assigned to Thayer by his superiors was to establish contact with Yugoslav elements in Italy and, when possible, to get into Yugoslavia. Mr. Cannon noted that the [redacted] maintained missions or observation groups with both Yugoslav factions and Mr. Thayer's assignment was to the Tito faction. Under instructions of his superiors he was for a time attached to Tito's headquarters, and his work consequently covered the operations of the Tito faction. Mr. Cannon advised that it was in this connection that he had discussed Yugoslav affairs with Thayer. Thayer's job had been to evaluate the military operations and potentialities of the Tito forces in the war against Germany. According to Mr. Cannon, Thayer made no secret of his belief, based on his observations and investigations, that the Tito forces were more active in the war than were those of Mihailovich. Mr. Cannon said that of course Mr. Thayer "associated with and supported Communists and Communist sympathizers," but that is precisely what he was sent into Italy and Yugoslavia to do and he could not have performed his mission otherwise. At Tito's headquarters, Mr. Cannon commented, Thayer would surely not encounter anyone not "sympathetic to the Communist cause." Mr. Cannon related that whether the mission itself might have been differently conceived by the [redacted] was not the responsibility of Mr. Thayer. Mr. Cannon related that it was his conclusion that Mr. Thayer's reports became, to his definite knowledge, only one of many elements in the policy discussion in the Tito vs. Mihailovich question, and only in the later stages. Mr. Cannon said that from his own knowledge of the evolution of that controversial policy, the policy of the broadening of aid to Yugoslav guerrillas other than the Mihailovich faction was initiated in early December, 1943. So far as Mr. Cannon knew, Thayer was in no way connected with the affairs of the Yugoslav guerrillas at that time. He said that Thayer may later have approved of the policy which had already been adopted by top-level decision, but he never came across any evidence that Thayer was "influential in turning the support of the United States from Mihailovich to Tito."

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VII. MISCELLANEOUS

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By memorandum dated October 4, 1949 the Immigration and Naturalization Service advised that P. A. Pirogov and A. P. Barsov, two Soviet airmen who deserted from the Soviet Army, were temporarily admitted to the United States. The Immigration Service advised that Barsov had returned to the Soviet Union at his own request. The Immigration and Naturalization Service advised that Pirogov is being permitted to remain in the United States for a longer period as the Department of State [redacted] had requested that he be permitted to remain. With this memorandum the Immigration and Naturalization Service enclosed a copy of an agreement signed by representatives of the Department of State, the Central Intelligence Agency, and the Immigration and Naturalization Service. This agreement was to the effect that Pirogov was in the custody of Mr. Charles W. Thayer, acting for the Department of State, under certain conditions. By memorandum dated October 7, 1949, the Immigration and Naturalization Service was advised that Thayer had been reported through various sources as having been pro-Tito while assigned to Yugoslavia during the recent war as a representative of [redacted]. At the time this memorandum was furnished to Immigration and Naturalization Service information was furnished verbally to INS concerning Thayer's alleged perversion and illegitimate child. (100-359043-60 and 61)

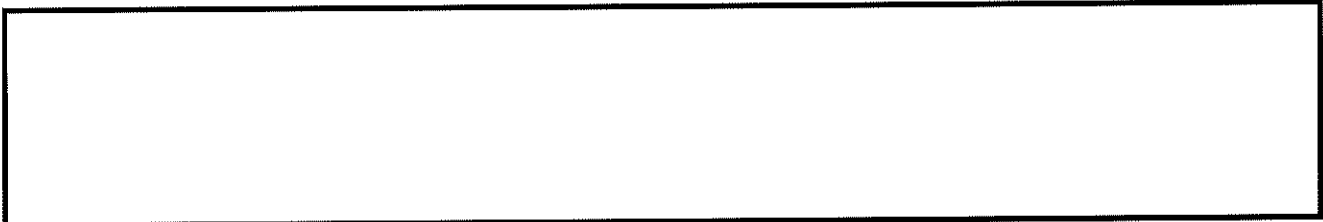
X An informant of unknown reliability advised a representative of another government agency during the period May to June, 1948, that Thayer married Maria Patrucci in October, 1945, at Vienna, explaining that she is the daughter of the former Italian Ambassador to Croatia and when the war came, her father, the Ambassador, was interned and Thayer was instrumental in getting him released. The informant stated that Mrs. Thayer had separated from, or divorced, Thayer and was now (June, 1948) back in Rome. (100-360035-15, pp (-7; [redacted] (5) State Department)

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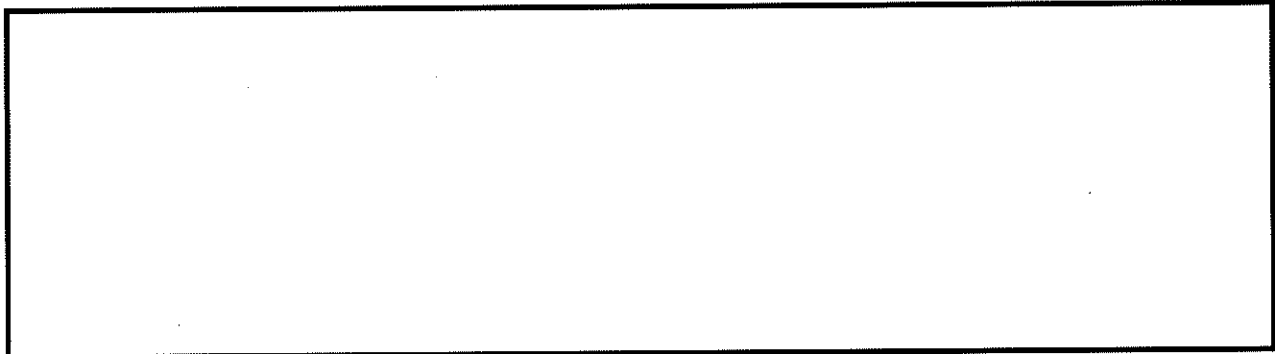
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Although Charles Wheeler Thayer was the head of the Voice of America in New York, no investigation concerning him was requested by the State Department under the provisions of Public Law 402, 80th Congress. In February, 1949 the State Department advised that Thayer was exempted from investigation under Public Law 402 inasmuch as the Legal Division of the State Department was of the opinion that inasmuch as the Congressional Act states that those persons appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate need not be investigated, no investigation was necessary concerning Thayer. This exemption was applied to Thayer, a Foreign Service Officer of the State Department, since Thayer was appointed as a Foreign Service Officer by the White House and was confirmed by the Senate. (100-346628-71; 123-0-21)



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SECTION II

[redacted] of CIA requested that the Bureau furnish to him copies of the loyalty reports on Thayer. [redacted] advised that Thayer was leaving the State Department and it was [redacted] belief that he would be offered a top job with CIA. In order to preclude any such move, [redacted] wanted to review the loyalty reports and prepare a memorandum for top level review concerning Thayer's past activities. This information is contained in a memorandum dated September 6, 1949. The report was loaned to [redacted] who returned them by letter dated September 22, 1949 (121-17249-39)

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SECTION V

Various individuals interviewed by a representative of the Security Division, Department of State, prior to March, 1949, advised they had heard rumors and gossip to the effect Thayer was a homosexual. These persons were not quoted in the foregoing brief because they had no specific information. Persons who could furnish specific information were quoted in the brief. (100-360035-15)

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